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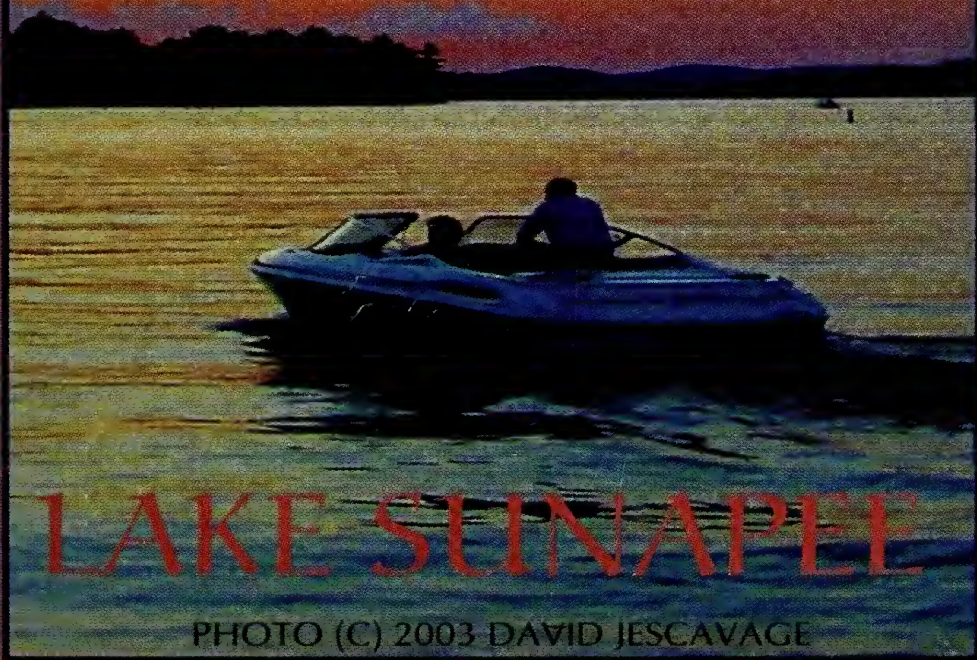


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Historic Bean Cemetery *NEWBURY BEAUTY*



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Autumn In Ramblewood



TOWN GAZEBO VIEW PHOTO (C) DAVID JESCAVAGE

Annual Report

*of the Selectmen, Treasurer,
and Other Town Officers
for the*

Town of Newbury
New Hampshire

*for the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2003*

with the Vital Statistics for the Year 2003



Jim Powell
Selectmen Chair

Will Willis
Transfer Station Operator

THE HOLIDAY PARTY



Ed Candidus
Pump
Technician

Shelly Candidus
Administrative
Assistant

Beverly Wolf
Library
Trustee

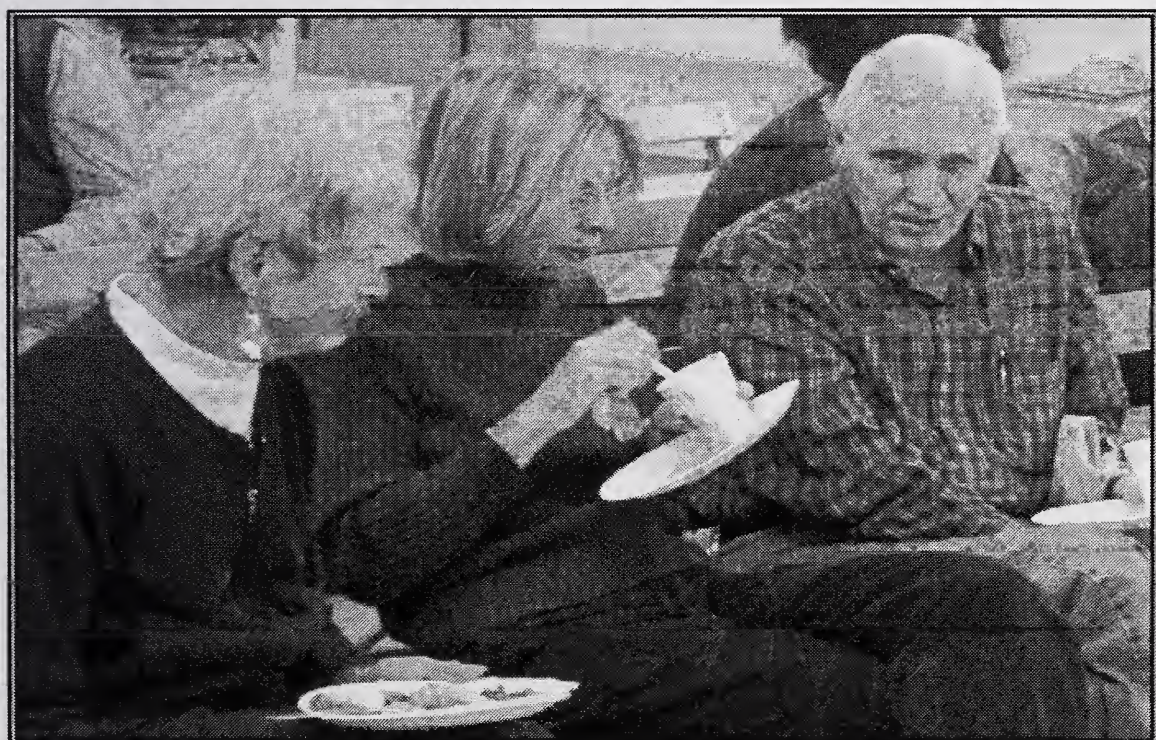


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Mary Bachelder
Cemetery Trustees Chair

Gary Budd
Selectman

THE HOLIDAY PARTY



Betsy Soper	Barbara Freeman	Bill Weiler
Zoning Board	Planning Board	Conservation
Chair	Chair	Commission Chair

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Del Harris



PERAMBULATOR

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In Recognition: Del Harris

It's a pleasure to honor Del Harris for his many years of tireless work on behalf of the town of Newbury. Born in Massachusetts, Del moved to Bradford as a small child, attended school there, and grew up with a love of the area.

As a young man, he went west to San Francisco in the early 1950s to serve in the Navy during the Korean conflict. Del

served as an E-5 Quartermaster 2nd Class on the aircraft carriers Wasp and Antietam, with ports of call throughout the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, including Hawaii, China, Formosa, England and Italy.

Del returned to the Newbury area and pursued his many interests and skills, working as a carpenter, stonemason, greenskeeper, mechanic and logger. He did carpentry work at Pat's Peak and has built many homes in the area. In 1985, he and his wife, Charlene, moved to their present home on Gillingham Drive, on the site of the old Newbury Poor Farm. The property today is a shining example of Del's skill as a carpenter and stone worker. It is also a great location for pursuing his favorite outdoor challenge – the annual deer hunt.

An avid outdoorsman, Del found a great outlet for his love of the woods and interest in local history when he began to perambulate the town lines in 1989. NH law stipulates that town lines be perambulated and the marks and bounds be renewed, once in every 7 years, forever. The job includes research into old perambulation reports, topo maps, and talking with other perambulators and town historians. Then Del will set off on a crisp autumn day with his tool kit containing a wire brush to clean off old stone markers, chisels, safety glasses, hatchet, red paint to mark the current year, surveyor ribbon, and notebook and pencil to record his trek. Del adds his finished reports to others in the Town Office which date back to 1793.

Del has served on Newbury's Zoning Board of Adjustment

since 1987. His knowledge, patience, and practical interpretation of the zoning ordinance will be greatly missed on his retirement from the board this year.

From 1994 to 2003, Del also served as Newbury's Building Inspector. In this capacity, his first-hand experience in numerous building projects and his thorough knowledge of the zoning ordinance enabled him to make sure that building in Newbury resulted in safe structures that conform to the building regulations.

Thank you, Del, for the countless hours you have spent protecting the character and well-being of the town, and for sharing with us your love of the area – its history, its woods and waterways, and its wildlife.

Town Officers

Selectmen*

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2005

Richard Wright, term expires 2004

Gary Budd, term expires 2006

Town Administrator **

David J. Jescavage

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2004

Deputy Moderator*****

Vincent Iacopino

Representatives to the General Court

David P. Currier, Barbara French, J. D. Colcord
Christine Hamm, Richard Kennedy, Derek Owen

Finance Director**

Debra Prussman

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Champy, term expires 2006

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2005

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Sias

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2004

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2005

Jim Therrien, resigned

Library Trustees*

Shelly Candidus, term expires 2004

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2005

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2006

Newbury Member,

Kearsarge Regional School Board

Dean Bensley, term expires 2006

Newbury Member,

Kearsarge Regional School District

Municipal Budget Committee

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2006

Supervisors of the Checklist*

Lane Bellman, term expires 2005

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2007

Al Bachelder, term expires 2009

Cemetery Trustees*

Doris Morrow, term expires 2004

Mary Bachelder, term expires 2006

Bill Annable, resigned

Planning Board*

Barbara Freeman, Chair, term expires 2006
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2005
Al Bachelder, term expires 2004
David Thayer, term expires 2005
Ron Williams, term expires 2006
Charles Killam, III, term expires 2006
Gary Budd, Ex-Officio Selectman,
term expires 2004
Jake Kezar, Alternate, term expires 2006
Lacy Cluff, Land Use Board Assistant

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Betsy Soper, Chair, term expires 2005
Charles Killam, Vice Chair, term expires 2005
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2004
Tanya McIntire, term expires 2006
Thomas Vannatta, term expires 2004
Del Harris, Alternate, term expires 2004
Jeff Nester, Alternate, resigned
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2006
Ernie Pagragan, Alternate, term expires 2006
Lacy Cluff, Land Use Board Assistant

Chief of Police**

James S. Valiquet

Chief of Fire Department****

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Jim Powell

Code Enforcement Officer**

Paul LaCasse

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell, term expires 2005

Clare Bensley, term expires 2005

Election Officials*****

Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn

Conservation Commission**

William Weiler, Chair, term expires 2006

Eric Unger, term expires 2004

Clare Bensley, term expires 2004

William Annable, term expires 2005

Peter Newbern, term expires 2005

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

John G. Croteau, Kevin Walker,
Henry E. Thomas, Jr., Ed Thorson,
Michael Bascom

* Elected at Town Meeting

** Appointed by Selectmen

*** State Appointment

****Elected by Fire Department

*****Appointed by Moderator

Selectmen's Report

As we reflect upon the past year, growth once again seems to be a prevailing issue. During 2003 there were 117 building permits approved by the selectmen. Additionally, approval was given for Mount Sunapee Resort to expand its parking facilities, build a new day care facility, and increase the mountain's network of trails.

We note with pride that the Baker Hill Golf Club was acknowledged in *Golf Digest* as one of the "Top 10 Private Golf Courses" in America. All efforts have been taken to mitigate the severe water runoff that occurred during the unusually wet season of 2001. As referenced in the 2001 Selectmen's report, it is now apparent that the soils have stabilized. Baker Hill represents just one example of how the Selectmen are aware of the conflicts that can arise between local developers and environmental groups. This debate will continue to address related topics requiring mutual resolution during the coming years. The Board of Selectmen recognizes its role in attempting to maintain an appropriate balance between growth and the impact on our natural resources.

The Board of Selectmen was delighted to greet Paul Lacasse as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Newbury. Paul is a welcome addition to the town staff. He has been very busy during the past year helping to ensure that the current regulations are enforced as well as assisting the Planning Board in presenting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which, if approved, would adopt the

International Residential Code 2000 and would also require a Certificate of Occupancy permit for new home construction. We believe that these enhancements to the current regulations will help to further ensure the safety of Newbury's townspeople.

The Board of Selectmen anticipates that resolution will come to the proposed Wild Goose site for a boat launch, meeting the state requirement for public access to the lake. Alternative recommendations to those initially proposed by Fish & Game have been drafted and submitted as Senate Bill #512 by Senator Clif Below. We hope for an outcome during 2004.

The Fishersfield recreation project continues to be a focal point for excitement among many of the residents. It is anticipated that some of the initial site work for this project will be completed this spring.

The Board wishes to assure you that we are doing everything within our power to maintain a fiscally responsible budget. As already indicated, growth continues to be an issue within the community, not only because of the need to balance growth with environmental considerations, but also because of the strain that current and anticipated growth levels have placed on the town operating budget. Many of the items addressed in the warrant articles are indicative of the affects of growth on the community. These include requests for a new highway garage, reconfiguration and expansion of the town office, phone system upgrade, computer system upgrade, filing

system enhancement, usage feasibility study for the old Town Hall in South Newbury, as well as replacement of police and fire rescue vehicles. As the number of resident and non-resident dwelling units continues to grow in Newbury, further emphasis will need to be placed on maintaining a fiscally responsible budget.

The completion of the revaluation has initiated considerable debate among many of the townspeople. While discrepancies in the assessed values of properties continue to be addressed by the Board, the general belief is that the overall outcome from the assessment process is fair and more equitable. As the assessment process is not an “exact science,” the Board of Selectmen acknowledges that there will be discrepancies in the process that will require individual resolution.

The selectmen recognize all the efforts that the board members, elected officials, town employees and volunteers make on behalf of the common good of our community. There are so many people that help in so many ways: Planning and Zoning board members, Coach of Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports program, Volunteer Fire Department, CIP Committee, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, School Board Representative, Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and so many more! Without their cumulative efforts, Newbury would not be such a fantastic community in which to live.

Jim Powell (Chair), Gary Budd, Richard Wright

Town Clerk

Debit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$374,291.00
Dog Licenses Issued	1,319.70
UCC Filings	730.00
Boat Registrations	6,608.31
Vital Record	540.00
Filing for Offices	10.00
Miscellaneous.	204.00
Total Debits	\$383,703.01

Credit

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$374,291.00
Dog Licenses Issued	1,319.70
UCC Filings	730.00
Boat Registrations	6,608.31
Vital Record	540.00
Filing for Offices	10.00
Miscellaneous.	204.00
Total Credits	\$383,703.01

Treasurer's Report

General Fund 2003

Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$5,526,429.04
Received from Town Clerk	\$383,703.01
Received from State of NH	\$13,994.00
Police Private Duty	\$10,301.00
Police Reports	\$380.00
Fines	\$2,186.55
Building permits	\$12,079.60
Pistol permits	\$110.00
Reimbursements	\$19,854.25
Planning Board	\$6,519.65
Zoning Board	\$2,811.07
Recycling	\$4,082.30
Town Office	\$816.78
Tax Lien	\$81,513.53
Parks & Recreation	\$3,200.00
Interest on Checking Account	\$5,235.92
Sale of Town Property	\$8,151.58
Donations	\$0.00
Cable Fee	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Cemetery	\$1,897.74
Highway Department	\$86,966.40
Grant	\$9,995.94
Payment in Lieu	\$13,510.00
Miscellaneous	\$11,355.16
Transfer Station	<u>\$13,658.00</u>
Total	\$6,218,751.52
Transfers from Investment Accounts	\$1,765,333.78
Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$1,273,607.73
Total Receipts, Transfers & Beginning Balance	\$9,257,693.03
Interest & Penalties	\$280.20
Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>(\$7,383,995.59)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2003	\$1,873,977.64

Jennifer Goin, Treasurer

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2003	\$1,075.25
Plus: Interest	\$9.14
Plus: Deposits	\$0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$1,084.39

Mascoma Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 2003	\$605,974.38
Plus: Deposits	\$1,200,000.00
Plus: Interest	\$5,575.67
Less: Transfers	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$11,550.05

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2003	\$32,526.08
Plus: Interest	\$193.07
Less: Transfers	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$32,719.15

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2003	\$117,996.71
Plus: Interest	\$2,824.24
Less: Transfers	\$0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$7,292.86</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$128,113.81

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2003	\$872.37
Plus: Interest	\$2.79
Less: Transfers	\$605.00
Plus: Transfers	\$831.00
Less: Account handling charge	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$1,101.16

Jennifer Goin, Treasurer

Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2003

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>List first three initials involved in a contract (not fund)</small>	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED <small>Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds or Common Trust (no rate)</small>	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			Grand Total Of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE END YEAR
									%	Amount			
Various	CEMETERY FUNDS	perpetual care	PDIP	\$13,998.79	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,998.79	100.00%	\$268.18	\$0.00	\$19,623.04	\$34,621.83
	TOTALS			\$13,998.79	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,998.79		\$268.18	\$0.00	\$19,623.04	\$34,621.83
	A/C CEMETERY FUNDS												
1972	SCHOLARSHIP FUND- Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	Lake Sunapee Bank	\$346.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.11	\$297.66		\$0.89	\$0.89	\$0.00	\$297.66
	TOTALS			\$346.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.11	\$297.66		\$0.89	\$0.89	\$0.00	\$297.66
	A/C SCHOLARSHIP FUND												
1954 1966 2000 2002	LIBRARY FUNDS	Library	SRSB	\$2,992.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.56		\$26.83	\$43.83	\$26.83	\$3,019.39
	Jeanie J. Folson	Library	SRSB	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$8.97	\$14.69	\$8.92	\$1,008.92
	Shirley Powers	Library	PDIP	\$15,592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,592.00		\$126.09	\$234.72	\$126.09	\$15,718.09
	Patricia W. Stenfield	Library	PDIP	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00		\$38.58	\$25.46	\$38.58	\$4,788.58
	White Library Fund	Library	PDIP										
	TOTALS			\$24,334.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,334.56		\$200.47	\$318.70	\$200.42	\$24,534.98
	A/C LIBRARY FUNDS												
1962 1971 1984 1993 1996 1997	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	Highway Equip	PDIP	\$151,548.95	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,388.24	\$116,157.71		\$1,088.78	\$1,820.76	\$1,088.78	\$117,228.49
	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip	PDIP	\$77,271.62	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97,271.62		\$713.22	\$0.00	\$4,088.05	\$101,359.67
	Town of Newbury	Police Equip	PDIP	\$2,788.55	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,788.55		\$68.86	\$0.00	\$68.86	\$17,857.41
	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	PDIP	\$24,248.87	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,248.87		\$234.90	\$0.00	\$3,921.69	\$31,170.56
	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	PDIP	\$35,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$12,533.73	\$22,966.27		\$292.39	\$4,610.79	\$292.39	\$23,258.66
	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	PDIP	\$107,277.05	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$77,748.00	\$59,531.05		\$736.72	\$0.00	\$736.72	\$60,267.77
	TOTALS			\$398,133.04	\$128,500.00	\$0.00	\$185,668.97	\$340,964.07		\$3,114.87	\$6,431.55	\$10,176.49	\$351,140.56
	A/C CAPITAL RESERVE												
1977 1984 1987 1995 2002	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS	Dock Repairs	PDIP	\$20,277.34	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$23,677.34		\$174.39	\$0.00	\$174.39	\$23,851.73
	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs	PDIP	\$24,155.89	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,155.89		\$219.41	\$0.00	\$1,129.43	\$30,285.32
	Town of Newbury	Cem Monuments	PDIP	\$317.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.20		\$3.69	\$0.00	\$19.75	\$336.95
	Town of Newbury	Office Equip	PDIP	\$198.20	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,698.20		\$26.65	\$0.00	\$26.65	\$7,724.85
	Town of Newbury	Milford	PDIP	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00		\$50.56	\$0.00	\$85.82	\$6,585.82
	TOTALS			\$50,948.63	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$67,348.63		\$274.70	\$0.00	\$1,436.04	\$68,784.67
	A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS			\$487,761.79	\$147,000.00	\$0.00	\$186,818.08	\$447,943.71		\$4,059.11	\$6,751.14	\$31,435.99	\$479,379.70
	GRAND TOTALS												

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2003

	2003	2002	Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAX			
BEGINNING OF YEAR			
Property Tax		\$277,010.25	\$1,779.00
Land Use Change		\$27,130.00	
Yield		\$408.05	
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge		\$6,249.00	
Interest & Bounced Ck		\$51.98	\$25.00
TAX COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$6,431,945.00		
Land Use Change	\$53,850.00		
Yield	\$9,551.93		
Excavation/yard	\$968.72		
Utility Charge	\$101,065.00		
Other			

	2003	2002	Prior
OVERPAYMENT			
Property Tax	\$9,759.50	\$5,397.15	
Land Use Change			
Yield			
Excavation/yard			
Excavation Activity			
Sewer Tax			
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00	\$50.00	
INTEREST - Late Tax	\$5,891.36	\$15,976.80	\$1,804.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,613,056.51	\$332,273.23	
REMITTED TO			
TREASURER			
Property Tax	\$5,008,727.22	\$281,749.40	\$331.00
Land Use Change	\$53,850.00	\$27,130.00	
Yield	\$7,221.64	\$255.66	
Interest & Costs	\$5,891.36	\$15,978.78	
Excavation Tax	\$967.31		
Utility Charge	\$89,875.06	\$6,249.00	
Conversion to Lien			
Other			

	2003	2002	Prior
Bounced Checks		\$100.00	
ABATEMENTS			
Property Tax		\$658.00	
Land Use Change	\$22,486.00		
Yield	\$55.22	\$152.39	
Excavation/yard			
Utility Charge			
Interest			
UNCOLLECTED TAX			
EOY			
Property Tax	\$1,410,491.28		\$1,448.00
Land Use Change			
Yield	\$2,275.07		
Excavation/yard	\$1.41		
Interest			
Utility Charge	\$11,189.94		
Bounced Checks	\$25.00		\$25.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,613,056.51	\$332,273.23	\$1,804.00

LEVIES OF	2001	2000
Unredeemed Liens at Beginning of Year	\$29,840.18	\$874.21
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		
Interest & Costs	\$11,385.68	\$101.19
Bounced Checks	\$25.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$41,250.86	\$975.40
REMITTED TO TREASURER		
Redemptions	\$29,054.21	\$219.17
Interest & Costs	\$11,385.65	\$101.19
Liens Deeded to Town	\$672.34	\$655.04
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$25.00	
Unredeemed Liens at End of Year	\$113.63	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$41,250.83	\$975.40

Summary Inventory of Valuation 2003 Assessed Valuation

Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,138	\$952,531.00	
Residential	7,346	\$263,479,760.00	
Commercial/Industrial	1,365	\$7,076,840.00	
Total of Taxable Land	18,849		\$271,509,131.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$6,113,442)	3,088		

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$209,406,080.00	
Commercial/Industrial	\$15,009,520.00	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$224,415,600.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$34,558,416)		

Public Utilities

Electric

\$2,043,159.00

Water

\$103,400.00

Valuation Before Exemptions

Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)

\$498,071,290.00

Elderly Exemptions (Number: 8)

\$0.00

Wood Heating Exemptions

\$375,000.00

(Number: 6)

\$450.00

Total Dollar Amount of

Exemptions

\$375,450.00

Net Valuation on Which the

Tax Rate is Computed

\$497,695,840.00

Revenues Received from

Payments in Lieu of Taxes

State & Federal Forest Land

Recreation and/or Flood Control
Land
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)

\$1,352.00
\$13,510.00

Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows,			
and widows of veterans	\$1,400.00	4	\$5,600.00
Other war service credits	\$100.00	91	\$9,100.00
Total number or amount		95	\$14,700.00

Newbury Public Library

The library staff and trustees encourage all Newbury residents and property owners to visit the library and use its resources. The library is a modern, automated facility with a friendly, small-town atmosphere.

The collection. The library ended 2003 with 12,506 items on its shelves. The library added 1,022 and withdrew 585 items during the year. The collection included 50 periodicals, 953 videos in both VHS and DVD formats, and 484 audiobooks in both cassette and CD formats. In June, the library received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation that added 90 new children's books.

Patrons. At year's end, the library had 1,297 registered patrons.

Patron visits and checkouts. The library had 8% more patron visits and 13% more checkouts than in 2002.

Patron Visits and Checkouts: 2003 vs. 2002

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Patron visits	12,673	11,782
Checkouts	16,478	14,565

The library borrowed 534 books for its patrons from other libraries, and lent 467 to other libraries.

Programs. The library offered the following programs

during 2003:

Reading discussion series. Book discussions were held on the first Monday of every month except December. The books discussed and the discussion leaders were:

January

Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone Adrienne Mavragis

February

The Beekeeper's Apprentice Nancy Marashio

March

Congo Ken Tentarelli

April

In a Sunburned Country Liz Tentarelli

May

West with the Night Sandi Bandieri

June

The First Eagle Paul Marashio

July

Tucker Peak Nancy Marashio

August

Life Work Bruce Marquis

September

The Weight of Water Nancy Marashio

October

Working Ken Tentarelli

November

The Passion of Artemisia Nancy Marashio

Tuesday morning cultural programs. In February, Chuck Kennedy of Newbury presented a program on Islam. The

library again sponsored a reading by Newbury poet Dianalee Velie in April in honor of National Poetry Month. Newbury artist John Brennan demonstrated the technique of lithography in August. In October, Marian Adams of Grantham discussed the history of American quilts and the care of quilted fabrics.

Summer reading program. "Ice Cream and James and the Giant Peach" was the summer's program for children in grades 1-5. It ran on Tuesday afternoons during July and August with book reading, craft activities, and ice cream. Liz Tentarelli and Beverly Wolf, both volunteers, conducted the program.

Preschool story hour. Preschool story hour was held on every Wednesday in 2003. Average attendance was 10 children and 8 adults. The library staff read stories and provided related activities.

Computer lessons. Ken Tentarelli, the library's volunteer computer expert, offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc. The Friends, a nonprofit corporation, had 157 paid members for 2003. At the annual meeting in September, the membership reelected Regina Albro president, Susan Hogan treasurer, and Lee Fleming-Salt secretary. The Friends gave the library a ceiling fan and paid to install it; they purchased 70 video boxes, 120 audiobook boxes, and a year's subscription to *The Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News*; they spent

\$500 for books, \$500 for audiobooks, and \$1,000 for videos; they paid \$300 as the local portion of a grant totaling \$1,300 from the Children's Literacy Foundation. The Friends also conducted the library's annual Valentine's Day party, Memorial Day book and bake sale, Fourth of July parade, open house honoring the library's volunteers, and holiday tree lighting. Finally, the Friends paid for refreshments at the library's reading discussion, cultural, and story hour programs.

Volunteers. Volunteers helped with all aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2003 were Marian Adams, Regina Albro, Tom Albro Jr., Evelyn Ayer, Dave Barden, John Brennan, Robert Brown, Julia Burritt, Ed Candidus, Shelly Candidus, Susan Crickman, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Cathy Fayton, Joe Fayton, TJ Fayton, Lee Fleming-Salt, Will Ford, Craig Goodwin, Judy Hale, Stuart Hale, Marianna Halufska, Diane Heller, Sue Hogan, Lorraine Iacopino, Barbara Kampf, Chuck Kennedy, Suzanne Levine, Alice Lynn, Nancy Marashio, Paul Marashio, Bruce Marquis, Lucy Marquis, Adrienne Mavragis, Laurie Seaholm, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Claire Vannatta, Dianalee Velie, Beverly Wolf, Dan Wolf and Young Uk Kim. Altogether, volunteers contributed over 663 hours of labor to the library during the year.

Disabled access. The library is wheelchair accessible, and delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

Visit your library. The library is open daily except Fridays with books, audiobooks, and videos appropriate for all ages,

free Internet access, and comfortable reading areas. The friendly staff is always willing to help with your information needs. The library's catalog and information about library events are available at the library's web site (www.newburylibrary.net).

Library Trustees

Beverly Wolf, Chair Person

Shelly Candidus, Secretary

Paula Falkowski, Treasurer

Librarians

Alan Brown

Alice Lynn

Meg Fearnley

Dave Barden

Newbury Historical Society

We are pleased to report that our effort to protect the old papers and town records in the vault from excess humidity has been a complete success. With a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, we installed control equipment and monitored the result for a year. The humidity never got above 58%, and most of the time it was near our goal of 50%.

Our next big project is creating a catalog or index of the collection. We have decided to use a computer for this instead of filing cards. To that end we have spent the past year visiting other institutions and evaluating cataloging programs. By late spring we hope to have a system in place and start recording data.

Another project involves creating a digital archive of old photos and documents. Through modern technology we can make high-quality copies without affecting the originals in the home or wherever one wants to meet. So far we have been able to copy old photographs from two postcard collectors, two branches of the Gillingham family, and a family that has summered at Lake Sunapee for over a hundred years. If you have old photos of people or places in Newbury that you would allow us to copy, please call the number below.

The Historical Society believes now is the time to renovate the Town Hall in South Newbury and return it to usefulness again. To that end we have asked the Selectmen

to fund an engineering study to see what needs to be done and what it will cost. The most important thing to be done is to install toilet facilities and a septic system. We think the town has already expressed its interest in this project by buying the land next to the hall for the septic system. We ask you to vote in favor when the warrant article comes up for discussion.

As we have discussed the renovation of Town Hall, it has become apparent there are other old structures in Newbury that need attention. In the past, old structures have been torn down or burned without a thought. We are in the process of preparing a slide show called “Vanishing Newbury” which we hope will cause people to think about how old structures can be saved before they are destroyed.

The Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. The membership reelected incumbent directors Bill Annable, Margie Weiler, and Bill Weiler for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Leonard Bachelder who spoke on “The Claremont & Concord Railroad.”

Our membership now stands at 88, of which 46 are family members, and 41 are individual members. Among the individual members, 26 are lifetime members.

The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$3044.87. Our conservation and preservation fund balance increased to \$1103.47. We have \$2850.00 in certificates of deposit, the

interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Our board of director meetings which are held about every two months are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and listen or contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury which is open to the public by appointment from April through October. Call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

William Weiler, President
William Annable, Vice President
Margaret Weiler, Treasurer
Joy Nowell, Secretary

Directors:

Joseph Cronin
Alice Lynn
Tracy Messer
Barbara Steward
John Grocott

Transfer Station

The volume of materials handled at the Transfer Station stretched the capacity of our manpower and equipment resources during 2003. To handle the weekend overflow at our single compactor, a second compactor was installed. This has helped us keep up with the volume much more efficiently.

Increased activity at the facility also prompted us to look at our recycling efforts and overall operations. The Recycling Committee met several times during the year to address these issues. As a result, we are now recycling glass by trucking it to New London, where it is processed. Keeping glass out of the household waste has helped reduce volume, saved disposal fees, and contributed to our efforts to protect the environment.

In order to ensure that the Transfer Station is used only by Newbury property owners, we are instituting a new type of vehicle sticker in 2004. Stickers will be issued annually at the time of vehicle registration and will carry the registration number and expiration date. Vehicles without stickers will not be admitted to the Transfer Station.

We will continue to do our best to meet the growing demands for waste disposal in the most efficient and environmentally sound way possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Will Willis, Assistant

Recycling Committee

After the costs of operating the transfer station had risen dramatically, the selectmen asked that the recycling committee be reactivated. The committee began meeting in the spring of 2003. Our first task was to determine what was being recycled and what additional items could be added. We also looked into the usage of the transfer station.

We found that glass was no longer being recycled. The committee decided to concentrate on finding a source to take our glass. We felt that Newbury was sending at least 25 tons of glass to the Lebanon landfill per year at a cost of almost \$90 per ton. We found a location in New London that would take the glass at only \$10 per ton.

A new storage area was constructed, and in late September we began to collect glass for recycling. In the first 7 weeks we recycled 5.65 tons. In late January we shipped another 8.95 tons. In just 4 months we have recycled 14.6 tons of glass, and this is the slowest time of the year. We expect that we will recycle close to 50 tons of glass per year.

Our focus has turned to implementing a new sticker system to ensure that the transfer station is only used by those authorized. Before the end of February the Town will be issuing new decals that will be affixed to the vehicle and renew annually. We are working to implement a new signage system which will easily identify what is to be placed and where.

The committee will be meeting on an as-needed basis. We will continue to attempt to reduce the amount sent to the landfill and assist the selectmen and transfer station attendants to improve the operation of the transfer station. With your support we can save money and improve the environment.

*Bill Annable, Diane Heller, Elizabeth Ashworth,
Carolyn Laclair, Robert Bergeron, Suzanne Levine,
Cheryl Fogwell, David Thayer,
Mary Thayer, Daniel Wolf*

Information Booth

The summer of 2003 began with very cool weather, which necessitated the booth attendants needing a small heater to make things comfortable, but it soon became truly summer.

With the addition of a third attendant, Jane Johnsen, it was possible to extend the hours as soon as school let out in mid-June. Until Labor Day, the booth was open from Wednesday through Sunday, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Of course, the week of the annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's fair up on Mount Sunapee meant that the booth was open every day.

Our Caboose Museum was ably manned through the summer by Amanda Prussman and Will Seidel, until college began and gathered up these delightful young people.

Visitors from all over the world continue to be impressed and charmed with the beauty of Newbury Harbor and our surrounding mountain views. We get comments all the time from people saying, "How fortunate you are to actually LIVE here all year round!" We agree completely.

We're looking forward to another pleasurable season at the lake in our little antique Information Booth.

Martha von Redlich, Jean Gaito, Jane Johnsen

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Rec had a sensational year in 2003. It started off with an endorsement of the Fishersfield Master Plan by those attending the Town Meeting in March. This support was enhanced by a pledge of financial support from the Velie family, looking to create recreation facilities in Newbury as a family memorial. The positive energy of local people working for the improvement of their town and in support of this memorial moved the concept of a recreation park in Newbury forward. The result was truly magical. Numerous events were planned, staffed with local volunteers, and successfully executed for the benefit of the cause. In addition, a non-profit corporation was formed to ensure the viability and integrity of fund-raising efforts. The funds are thus protected by articles of incorporation that state they will be used to develop recreation facilities at Fishersfield.

Our traditional summer activities, swimming instruction and the harbor concert series, were both very successful. The swimming lessons set a record for attendance with 29 children participating. Nicole Wallace, our resident swim instructor, does a wonderful job with the lessons and I encourage all parents to take advantage of her expert approach to teaching children how to swim.

The concerts at the gazebo went well and the new automatic rain-date policy, where all rained-out shows are automatically rescheduled to the following Wednesday, allowed us to effectively manage the weather's impact. Next year we would like to shake things up a little, perhaps

offering some variety and new acts. We are also looking for someone to take over management of this popular summer activity.

In October, Parks and Rec applied for a grant to receive funding for development of Fishersfield from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). LWCF grants are matching-fund grants that typically are awarded for recreation initiatives. Up to \$100,000 can be received towards a project. The grant-writing team assembled a very strong proposal with six goals to be achieved in 2004:

1. *Construction of a 200' x 300' multi-use recreation field;*
2. *Development of a trail system for walking, jogging and X-country skiing through the 94 acres;*
3. *Development of a road to enter/exit and 2 parking lots;*
4. *Construction of a 24' x 36' service building with septic system;*
5. *Development of a family playground and picnic area;*
6. *Construction of a basketball court with multi-height hoops for younger children.*

Parks & Rec will seek funding from sources other than LWCF for Goals 5 and 6.

Parks & Rec is proud to have found many contributing partners to support the Fishersfield Park Project. They include The Fells/John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, the Girl Scouts, Colby-Sawyer College, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, KRES at Bradford, Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports, Newbury's Conservation

Commission and Zoning Board, and numerous local businesses.

Parks & Rec is dedicated to the ideas of enhancing life in our community, working together cooperatively, and promoting a healthy lifestyle for all Newbury residents. Please consider joining our growing team of volunteers, and see how enjoyable and inherently good it feels to do something for your town.

Harry Seidel

Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports

In 2003, Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) provided team-based athletic opportunities for over 200 of our area youth. Our spring baseball/softball programs and our fall soccer program were both successful with many enthusiastic participants.

BNSYS also hosts summer soccer camps, staffed by professional athletes from Major League Soccer.

BNSYS participated in Bradford's Fourth of July celebration by opening the Brown-Shattuck snack shack and serving grilled burgers and hotdogs to the hungry midway visitors. BNSYS also hosted a golf tournament in the fall that was supported by many corporate-sponsored teams. Along with game-day sales from our snack shacks, these events are our major fundraisers.

BNSYS is fortunate to have wonderful facilities available to us. Warren Brook Park, where our Babe Ruth baseball and soccer games are played, is owned by the organization. Our baseball and softball games for the younger children are played on the field at the Bradford Elementary School and Brown-Shattuck Park in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of the facilities used during our seasons.

BNSYS is a volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. This past year that support came from a core group of individuals, families and businesses. As our youth participation continues to grow with new families in the area, we look forward to reaching out to expand this volunteer effort in 2004.

Our current Board of Directors includes Joe Torro, Anne Holmes, Diane Gadoury, Ken Coyle and Chris Way. We currently have board openings to fill before our spring baseball and softball programs begin.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Torro

The Fells, Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

Traditions and initiatives, maintenance and progress, in all areas of our work at The Fells in 2003 we balanced where we've been and where we want to go. The Fells welcomed an estimated 7,000 visitors to the site to enjoy the special ambiance of woodland trails, historic house tours, and lovely estate gardens. Educational programs served 730 participants, and 220 active volunteers contributed over 7000 hours of work helping to maintain the property and supporting the work of the Friends of the Hay Refuge.

Two rebuilding projects topped the list of accomplishments for 2003. The historic barn that collapsed in 2001 was rebuilt with federally appropriated funds. Brent Stocker, great-grandson of the original builder, did a superb job of replicating the gambrel-roofed structure, and restored and reinstalled the distinctive 30-over-2 windows. The new barn includes a more accessible staircase design but is otherwise true to the original. It will house our tractor and landscaping equipment, and may even host a program or two when we need a large indoor space.

An equally exciting though smaller project was the rebuilding of the signature trellis at the southern entrance to the Old Garden. Dan Newcomb of Newport fabricated a completely new gate to replicate the rotting and broken one, and installed it in September. Next May, Dan will rebuild the arbor at the other end of the garden. At the same time, we plan to set out a replica of the fountain statue of a boy and turtle, thanks to a grant of \$3,500 from the

state's Cultural Conservation program.

In the gardens, we continued to rehabilitate Clarence Hay's landmark Rock Garden, renovating overgrown areas on the eastern side of the garden, and adding several dwarf conifers. New plants were added to the Perennial Border, and unusual varieties of clematis to the Rose Terrace. A small crew did a lot of thinning and pruning to the blueberries and azaleas near the Pebble Court. Nursery production was the highest it has ever been. At the end of the season, we regretfully accepted the resignation of long-time nursery manager Ann Loeffler.

Our education programs included regular house tours and showings of a short video on the story of The Fells. We hosted three art exhibits during the season, and held a very popular Artists Weekend in late June. In the Gatehouse Courtyard, we put up a permanent introductory exhibit of four large panels. The colorful layout of text and pictures tells the entire story of the Hay family, their summer estate, and the creation of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge. Formal programs included a popular "Container Gardening" class, lunchtime sessions of "The 30-Minute Gardener" throughout the summer, and special classes on rock gardening and water gardening. "Sheep Return to The Fells" attracted about 250 people for demonstrations, spinning, and an informative talk on the sheep craze in New Hampshire.

The Fells partners continue to play a vital role in providing educational opportunities. The Society for the Preservation of NH Forests, which maintains an office at the Fells,

cosponsored several environmental programs and a class on "Chainsaw Safety." We concluded our yearlong collaboration with environmental studies majors from Colby-Sawyer College in May, and hosted a summer intern from Colby-Sawyer who helped with our communications and publicity efforts. The Lake Sunapee Protective Association used the Hay Refuge to educate Kearsarge fourth-graders about watersheds through a series of fall field trips. The New England Wildflower Society also assisted in educational efforts.

The Fells is well known for its special events such as the Plant Sale, Benefit Auction, Cruise on Lake Sunapee, and holiday house tours. Altogether, these events raised about a third of our operating budget of \$255,000. The Wheaton Endowment fund for volunteers, which was established with initial gifts of \$12,000, grew by \$7,100, and helped support our fall volunteer appreciation event and the Volunteer of the Year award which honored Gus and MJ Seamans of New London.

Thank you to all the Newbury residents who help support The Fells as members and those who also serve as volunteers. Newbury residents who served on the Board of Trustees in 2003 included Fay Barden, Susan Mayer, Bob and Diana Morris, Ron Williams, and Loa Winter.

Maggie Stier, Executive Director
The Fells
PO Box 276, Newbury, NH 03255
603-763-4789

Kearsarge Regional School Board

This has been a year of positive accomplishments in the Kearsarge District. Some performances have been truly outstanding. Kevin Johnson, principal of New London Elementary and Elementary Principal of the Year in the State of New Hampshire, received recognition in Washington as one of the outstanding principals in the country. Congratulations, Kevin.

Under the direction of our new business manager, Mr. Peter Chamberlin, the financial controls in the District have been greatly improved. New procedures and rigorous cost reporting have been implemented. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board, which includes outside financial professionals and members of the Municipal Budget Committee, has been very effective in providing guidance and oversight. We closed the books on last year with a slight under-run and we are operating this year within budget. With the cooperation of the Selectmen of all of our Towns we are receiving payments on schedule and our overall cash position is healthy.

We continue to place emphasis on improved academic performance in all of our schools. Excellent progress has been made at the Middle School where we rank in the top 20% in the state in English and Social Studies and the top 25% in Math and Science as measured by the NH assessment tests. We rank in the top third of all districts in the state on the 3rd grade tests with continued excellent performance at New London Elementary and good

improvement at Simonds Elementary. Performance on the 10th grade test at the high school was disappointing but we are confident that under the leadership of Dr. Carl Fitzgerald, the newly appointed principal of the high school, we will see improvement in the coming year. We have added several advanced-placement courses at the high school and enrollment in those courses has been increasing.

Designs and cost estimates were completed for a new Middle School and a second floor expansion of the High School. One need only look around our communities at the large amount of new construction to understand the need to expand our facilities. The High School is now above its rated capacity and the Middle School is grossly inadequate with crowded classrooms, safety problems, old and deteriorating mechanical systems, and many ADA violations. The tax rate impact on Newbury taxpayers for the High School bond is 2 cents per thousand in 2005 and 6 cents in 2006. The tax rate impact for the Middle School is 8 cents per thousand in 2005 and 29 cents in 2006. I urge voters to become informed and to support the warrant articles for these critically necessary building projects. Delay will only result in increased construction costs and payment of higher interest rates on the bonds.

In developing the budget and the warrant articles, which are being recommended to the voters for approval, the School Board has strived to balance the needs of our education system with the demands on our taxpayers. The sum of the proposed operating budget and all warrant articles including the teachers' contract and the cost of the

Middle School and High School bonds results in an increase of 3.3% above the total approved by the voters last year.

Kearsarge has a good school system, but it can only reach its potential with greater participation of parents and citizens. There are many opportunities to participate ranging from running for school board or budget committee, to volunteering in the schools, or just discussing with teachers and other parties how to improve results for students. There are few things more important to a community than a good school system. Please be involved.

Dean E. Bensley

Cemetery Trustees

2003 proved to be another busy, varied, and productive year for the cemetery trustees.

Early on we were involved in an access issue in two of the cemeteries. In February we became involved in the issues pertaining to a proposed subdivision in the Sunapee traffic circle area which appeared to impact our access to the Chandler Cemetery. During the Planning Board hearings, we clarified our perpetual granted rights to the cemetery and had them incorporated in the mylar permanent town record. Although access issues at the Bean Cemetery were largely resolved in 2002, survey work and setting of bounds remained to be completed in 2003.

In May, we planted a row of sunset maples along the fence to further beautify the area of the Booth Sherman Cemetery.

Restoration work continued this year for approximately two weeks in July at the South Newbury Cemetery. Nearly 100 monuments were reset and cleaned in Section 2, which is directly to the rear of the church.

We had a record number of burials to arrange for and to supervise the rites associated with burial. Several plots were sold and several monuments and markers were added.

In August the CIP plan for Newbury cemeteries was updated to ensure that future cemetery needs will continue to be part of the town's planning. Each year new activity and information are added to the database which is available at the library and Town Office.

The Chair attended two state seminars this year. In April the NH Cemetery Association meeting was devoted to procedures relating to perpetual care and finances. In May, the state training session discussed the many issues involved in managing NH cemeteries.

In October several large pine trees had to be removed in the rear northwest corner at Lakeside due to the hazardous situation they presented. At the same time, all debris and shrubbery were cut away to provide access to the rear lots.

A few cremation sites remain in Lakeside. Family lots are available in Marshall and Booth Sherman. Anyone who did not purchase perpetual care at the time of lot purchase may still do so. We urge all plot owners to remove worn and dried arrangements from gravesites as soon as possible. Copies of the Cemetery Procedures and Regulations are available at the Town Office.

As always, many thanks to all who help us in any way to maintain our lovely cemeteries.

*Mary Bachelder (Chair),
William Annable, Doris Morrow*

Planning Board

The Newbury Planning Board conducts regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

The Planning Board, like all town Planning Boards in New Hampshire, has two functions: regulatory and planning. In its regulatory capacity, the board advises on, holds public hearings, deliberates and takes action on subdivisions including lot line adjustments, annexations and minor and major subdivisions, and on site plans for commercial properties which include multi-family housing. The board also writes and/or amends Zoning Ordinance regulations to be recommended to the town and writes and/or amends Regulations for Site Plan Review and Land Subdivision Control Regulations. In its planning capacity the Board develops and promotes the Town Master Plan and leads the effort to create the town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

This year has been extremely busy for the Planning Board, reflecting ever-increasing development pressure on the town. However, our job has been made more efficient and certainly more pleasant by the addition of our new Land-use Board Assistant, Lacy Cluff.

The Planning Board has reviewed (or is reviewing) and taken action on the following applications:

- Eight (8) annexation and lot line adjustments as well as four (4) voluntary mergers

- Seven (7) Minor Subdivisions
- Two (2) Major Subdivisions (still in the review and hearing process).
- Five (5) Site Plan Reviews.
- One (1) Permit to Excavate

Due to the complexity of some of the site plans and subdivisions, the Planning Board has required developers to provide funds for independent engineering consultants to review the proposed projects both during the review process as well as to monitor construction during project implementation phases.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board was involved in monitoring projects, which have previously come before the board, for compliance with approved plans.

This year, the Planning Board is particularly proud to have worked to increase communication between all the Town Boards. We have been having regular joint Board meetings that focus on town issues and planning initiatives. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Boards have been working hand-in-hand to improve zoning regulations and their clarity. Many thanks to Betsy Soper (Zoning Chair) for her contributions and patience and to the other members of the ZBA for their input.

In addition to the regular monthly meeting of the Planning

Board to conduct normal business, the Planning Board has been meeting each first Tuesday of the month to work on additional projects. These meetings have resulted in the following accomplishments:

Other work associated with our regulatory functions completed in the past year include:

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** Clarified language and definitions. The Board has addressed contradictions in the Mount Sunapee Recreation Overlay District by drafting ordinances for a separate zone. Drafted a new Aquifer Overlay District by drafting ordinances for a separate zone. Proposed language for the requirement of a Certificate of Occupancy for buildings and Board-reviewed projects.
- **Building Regulations:** Proposed the language for adoption of the International Residential Code for One- and Two- Family Dwellings.

The Board recommends these proposed amendments and hopes that you will approve them in order to improve our regulatory processes and better protect health, safety and quality of life for all of Newbury.

Planning Accomplishments:

- **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):** Led the updating process of the CIP for the current year to help guide

the Select-board's budgetary process. Special thanks go to the CIP Committee: Al Batchelder (Chair), Gary Budd, Bill Weiler, Ron Williams and David Jescavage (Town Administrator).

- Reviewed the existing 1997 Master Plan for the Town of Newbury to create a list of outstanding planning tasks for the Board to undertake in this and the next fiscal year. One of these tasks was the creation of the Aquifer Overlay District.
- Reviewed legislation to determine the feasibility of implementing an Interim Regulation for Growth Management. It was determined that this approach to growth management could not be supported at this time. Instead, the Planning Board recommended that the Town begin a Master Planning process that will update the 1997 Plan and provide the basis for growth management. A budget for the first phase of the Master Plan was determined and included in the proposed budget for 2004.

The Board will be undertaking the Master Planning Process over the next two to three years. Part of that process will be the gathering of ideas and input from all the residents of Newbury. We encourage your participation in the development of this very important planning tool. Please attend public hearings and participate fully in the surveys. We are also looking for citizens who are willing to make the commitment to participate at regular meetings of the Master Plan Committee. Please contact any Board member

to express your interest.

Throughout the year the Board has appreciated citizen participation in public hearings for various projects. The input has been invaluable and has helped enormously in the Board's decisions. We wish to thank you and to encourage your continued support and participation. For anyone who would like to become a member of the board, please contact any board member.

Lastly, this volunteer Board spends an enormous amount of time reviewing plans, researching sites, researching and crafting legislation and attending meetings to ensure that Newbury is a better place to live and that all applicants are treated as fairly as possible. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our community. Our Planning Board members for 2002-2003:

Barbara Freeman (Chair), William Weiler (Vice Chair), Gary Budd (ex-officio), Ron Williams, Al Bachelder, David Thayer, Charles Killam, Jake Kezar (alternate)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has completed another year of volunteer service to the Town in 2003. We had many more applications for variances than in the past largely because so many of the properties are non-conforming within the Shore Land Overlay District. We have tried to balance the public interest with the individual property owner's desires – not always an easy task.

We have welcomed our new Land Use Board Assistant, Lacy Cluff, who now serves as our secretary as well as secretary to the Planning Board.

We also welcomed Paul LaCasse as Code Enforcement Officer and building inspector; taking over the latter job from Del Harris who has given so much of his time and energy over many years. Paul and Lacy are great additions and Newbury is fortunate to have these two hard- working people serving the Town.

The ZBA members and alternates faithfully inspect the properties and carefully examine all the facts during the hearings and have made excellent decisions.

This year the Selectmen, Planning Board and ZBA held several joint meetings which have greatly improved communication among all of us. And I want to thank Barbara Freeman, Planning Board Chair, for being so accessible. We have some differences on some issues, but I believe we are striving together to keep Newbury the

wonderful place it is for year-round as well as seasonal property owners and visitors.

This year, because we worked so hard, we decided to give ourselves a purely social party. It was fun and we hope it will become a yearly tradition.

Our work for the year included:

- 16 ZBA hearings, 3 special meetings in conjunction with the Planning Board and 5 Joint Board meetings.
- 9 Variances granted as presented.
- 4 Variances granted with conditions.
- 2 Variances as continued hearings; 1 granted with conditions and 1 denied.
- 4 Special Exceptions granted as presented.
- 3 Special Exceptions granted with conditions.
- 1 Special Exception to be reheard as a Variance.
- 1 Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement granted.
- 3 Appeals from Administrative Decision denied. These decisions were reaffirmed and there are no court cases pending.

Betsy Soper (Chair), Charlie Killam (Vice Chair), Del Harris, Alex Azodi, Katheryn Holmes, Tanya McIntire, Jeff Nester, Ernie Pagragan, Thomas Vannatta

UNH Cooperative Extension

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H clubs, camps and other programs for children and teens, nutrition counseling for low-income families, and strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provide education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces weekly radio spots on 107.7 which offer information to residents throughout the station's listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension's Community Profiles process works with community groups to create a vision

for their community's future and form action groups to reach those goals. To date, seven Merrimack County towns have participated in a Community Profile.

UNH Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: *ceinfo.unh.edu*.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call the Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen, just south of the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The UVLSRPC is a not-for-profit association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We provide a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together in the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area to work together on issues of common concern. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as decision-making at the state level in both states that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2003, we completed work on both a new Regional Transportation Plan and new Economic Development element for the Regional Plan, as well as updates on Population Trends and Natural & Scenic Resources. In other activities, we:

- Worked with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and residential development in the Upper Valley.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for

a variety of projects, including emergency management equipment, village highway corridor redesign, recreation facilities and transportation system enhancements.

- Completed incorporation of Grafton County communities in the North Country Economic Development District for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant eligibility; obtained EDA approval of East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation and others to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and began work with Western Region Development Corporation on CEDS for Sullivan County. Continued to support tourism organizations in the Region.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to local committees addressing a number of issues such as affordable housing, interstate interchange area development, open space, capital improvements programming, downtown revitalization, sewers, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Developed guidelines for balancing state highway

needs with those of a downtown or village area utilizing a concept plan for Charlestown as a case study.

- Facilitated Upper Valley Conservation Network and provided technical assistance to Upper Valley Trackers.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold, Mascoma and Ottauquechee Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized five hazardous waste collections that gave 1,170 households a way to keep approximately 13,100 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste.
- Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 4 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete several more in the coming year, including all 3 Vermont towns; and continued to

facilitate well-integrated emergency planning within the core Upper Valley communities.

- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and RSA 36:56 in New Hampshire.
- Collected traffic data in 24 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Developed plans for Upper Valley traffic model to increase ability to predict and avoid traffic increases. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to involve area employers in programs to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to 5 communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held several informational and training sessions for local officials on land use planning issues

(including siting wind power facilities, how to avoid sprawl, and programs available to keep historic villages healthy), natural resource protection issues (including stormwater management and Vermont's new septic rules), and board member skills (including fostering productive citizen participation in the planning and development review processes). Facilitated discussions on future plans of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth College, and the Mt. Sunapee ski area, and potential impacts on growth-related factors such as housing and traffic in the region.

- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., application of NH Shoreland Protection Act, policies on unmaintained roads, management of excavations, implementation of floodplain ordinances, capital improvement programming and impact fees, road acceptance policies, coordination of review of applications among various local boards, regulation of telecommunications facilities, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to communities and partner

organizations.

- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to incorporate 2000 Census information into digital regional socioeconomic database as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners each community appoints, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. In addition, this year we have established a new committee to enhance the exchange of information with member communities. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford, Executive Director

Newbury Police Department

Traffic remains a major concern for the Town of Newbury. Speeds through town are up but so was our enforcement. Motor vehicle stops went from 1403 in 2002 to 1833 in 2003. While we are all concerned about the roads and the traffic in our neighborhoods, there are real traffic safety issues along Rt. 103 in the 30 mph zone. The use of the Town beach, vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the Trading Post complex, weekly concerts, and the marinas in the middle of a rural highway are cause for concern. Other areas of potential hazard for traffic-related issues are the 35 mph zone at the traffic circle and the Blodgett Landing area. It is our goal to attempt to deal with these and other areas around town this year with more directed enforcement patrols.

Last year we shifted personnel and increased the part-time coverage to provide more investigative hours. This was short lived in that Corp. Glen Drewniak was mobilized and is proudly serving his country in Afghanistan. Officer Soucy resigned shortly after Corp. Drewniak's deployment to go to another department. We are very proud of Glen, as we are of all the men and women who are so proudly answering the call to duty. We pray for Glen's safe and swift return.

The total number of accidents remained the same in 2003. However, the number involving personal injury went up 55%. Enforcement was up drastically, summonses up 77.5%, written warnings up 26%, and driving while under

the influence increased from 9 in 2002 to 20 in 2003.

To help meet the needs of the department and town in the coming year, we have added two new part-time officers: Stephen Valiquet and Jodi Bailey. Both are currently attending the full time police academy. We welcome both to a very good department and a great town. In closing, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

*James Valiquet, Henry Thomas, Glen Drewniak,
Carolyn Cassady, Brad Wheeler, Neill Cobb,
Dave Seastrand, Deborah Lacombe*

Newbury Police Department Calls for Service 2003

Attempted Suicide	2
Death/Suicide	1
Kidnapping	1
Drunk	3
Sexual Assault	2
Assault	1
Stalking	1
Harassment	4
Criminal Threat	3
Criminal Trespass	7
Criminal Mischief	21
Arson	1
Burglary	4
Shoplifting	1
Theft	62
Counterfeiting	1
Fraud	3
Fraud Bad Checks	5
Property-Found	15
Property-Lost	12
Protective Order	1
Domestic Dispute	12
Disturbance	1
Weapon Violations	1
Weapon Permits	31
Fireworks Violations	1
Harassing Communications	3
Computer Crimes	1

Newbury Police Department Calls for Service 2003

Disorderly Conduct	1
Drugs/Possession	2
DUI	20
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	3
Open Container	3
Liquor Law Violations	4
Parking Violations	39
Traffic Offense – Warning	1372
Traffic Offense – Citation	371
Traffic Offense – Arrest	8
Motor Vehicle Check	21
Traffic Complaint	24
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	13
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	49
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	14
Passing a School Bus	1
Defective Equipment Tag	10
Littering-Illegal Dumping	5
Placing Snow/Debris on Road	6
OHRV Complaint	1
Animal-Complaint	24
Animal-Vicious	1
Animal-Cruelty	3
Animal-Stray	37
Animal-Nuisance	1
Animal-Bite	1
Animal-Livestock Complaint	1
Animal-Wild	10

Newbury Police Department Calls for Service 2003

Neighborhood Disputes	1
Noise Disturbance	25
Unwanted Subject	4
Assist - Fire/Police	4
Assist - In County Police	109
Assist - Newbury Fire	42
Assist - Medical/Rescue	30
Public Safety Response	1
Assist - Town Office	9
Assist - Public Works/EOC	15
Assist - Social Service Agencies	8
Assist - Court	3
Alarm - Bank	1
Alarm - Business	43
Alarm - House	120
911 Hang-up	32
Missing Person	3
Juvenile Runaway	1
Fireworks Permit	1
Truancy	1
Juvenile Complaint	4
Citizen Requested Assistance	80
Welfare Check	19
Stranded Motorist	6
Abandoned Vehicle	8
M/V Unlock	9
Road Hazard/Obstruction	21
M/V Repossession	1

Newbury Police Department Calls for Service 2003

VIN Inspection	15
Manner of Operation	7
Ride Along	23
Fingerprints/School,Ins/Other	9
Civil Issue/Stand-by	21
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	48
Open Door/Window/Gate	8
Selective Enforcement Request	1
Police Information	84
Keep the Peace	3
House Check Request	30
Building Check-Business	704
Building Check-Public	336
Building Check-Residential	11
Warrant-Criminal/Civil	6
Paper Service	10
Case Follow-up	1
Sexual Offender Registration	2

Total Calls	4166
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Arrests	18
Incidents	152
Violations	85

Newbury Fire Department

Fire and Rescue calls were up 40 percent in 2003. These are detailed below.

A new procedure to assist both residents and emergency responders with lakefront property will be putting house numbers on docks. The Great Island Association will be putting house numbers on all their docks both in Newbury and Sunapee to assist Fire and Rescue teams responding to the Island. There are also times when the Newbury Fire Boat responds to residences along Lake Sunapee shoreline, and having house numbers on your dock will help us locate your residence as quickly as possible.

This year Town Meeting we are asking your support of a warrant article to cover the purchase of a new rescue truck. The proposed truck would be a 4-door with 4-wheel drive. The body would be plastic with more equipment space than the current rescue truck has. Other features in the new truck would be locking compartments, heated compartments, and receptacles for recharging equipment. The vehicle would have a hydraulic generator for powering lights and tools, chains, and a winch. It would greatly improve the efficiency and capacity of our rescue operations.

I want to thank all the people who support the Newbury Fire Department and the officers and members that make it a great department.

Department Officers:

Assistant Chief	David Smith
Captain	Kevin Walker
Lieutenants	Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson, Scott Davis, Robert Messenger
Clerk	Ken Holmes
Treasurer	Robin Parkhurst
Communications	David Kinsman
Prevention	George Mellen
Medical	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee	John Croteau, Colin Nelson, Mike Meninno

Department Calls 2003

Auto Accident	29
Boat Rescue	1
Falls/Trauma	18
Mutual Aid	8
Chimney Fires	2
Fuel Spill	1
Cardiac Problems	9
Smoke/Odor Problems	9
False Alarm	14
Respiratory Problem	10
Vehicle Fire	1
In-House Medical	28
Brush Fire	3
Structure Fire	1
Natural Death	0

Search & Rescue	1
Wires Down	5
Service Call	6
Untimely Death	1
Total	147

Henry Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief

Bradford Rescue Squad

With a squad of 15 active volunteers, Bradford Rescue responded to 158 calls in 2003 – including medical emergencies, motor vehicle crashes and other trauma, and assistance at fire scenes in Bradford and portions of Sutton and Newbury, where we provide patient transport in support of the talented members of Sutton Rescue and Newbury FAST.

We continue to struggle with manpower issues. A number of drivers came forward in answer to appeals last year, but EMTs are in short supply. We are vigorously seeking individuals who have an EMT license, or are willing to train, to ensure our ongoing ability to provide ambulance service.

Our squad is a completely volunteer organization whose members receive no monetary compensation, and we aren't the only organization looking for volunteers, but our "job" is far from thankless – in fact the thanks you often get are very heartfelt.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you a healthy year.

Jim Powell, Captain

Newbury Forest Fire Warden

There was plenty of rain in 2003 and the fire danger stayed low throughout the season. We were able to write a record number of fire permits all summer and fall. We always have a two-to four - week period in the spring when burning will be banned. This occurs once the snow has melted and before the vegetation has a chance to green up. If you have brush piles in your yard now, this is a great time to burn them. Otherwise, you may be looking at them until the end of May.

We had no major incidents and very few minor ones to report this year. One problem I noticed more of this year is related to the number of lots being cleared for new home construction. If a contractor is burning brush leaves at the end of his work day, the fire must be totally put out. If not, someone must stay with it, and it is the property owner who is responsible for that fire permit. A buried fire is not considered "out" and burning material in excess of a five-inch diameter is illegal.

Remember, a burn permit is required by state law for any outside open fire when the surrounding ground is not covered with snow. Please plan ahead to obtain a permit. If you wait until the last minute on the day you want to burn, there is a good chance you will end up having to burn on a different day. All seasonal campfire permits have expired and need to be renewed for use this year. A new seasonal campfire permit requires inspection of the site.

Thanks to the Deputy Wardens, the Newbury Fire and Police Departments, and New London Dispatch for their

assistance. Special thanks to deputies John Croteau and Hank Thomas and my wife, Jennifer, for writing so many of the permits and handling many of the calls.

David G. Smith, Newbury Warden (938-5925)

State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and the NH Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden to find out if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done and the surrounding area is completely covered with snow. Violations of the state fire permit law and other burning laws are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the NH DES at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human-caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the NH Division of Forests & Lands at www.nhdfl.org or (603) 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 Fire Statistics

(Reported through November 3, 2003)

Fires Reported by County

County	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	0.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsboro	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

Causes			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	10	2003	374	100
Campfire	25	2002	540	187
Children	13	2001	942	428
Smoking	20	2000	516	149
Debris	226			
Railroad	3			
Lightning	2			
Equipment	8			
Misc.	67			

Douglas C. Minor, Forest Ranger

Private Well Users

Have you had your well treated recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well? The following contaminants, some naturally occurring and others manmade, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

- Arsenic
- Bacteria
- Fluoride
- Nitrate
- Radium
- Radon
- Sodium
- Uranium
- Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

Need more information? Please visit the NH Department of Environmental Services' website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

Code Enforcement

I took on my Building Inspector/Code Enforcement duties from Del Harris in 2003, and I thank him for his valuable input and for working with me to make a smooth transition.

There are proposals before the town to adopt the International Residential Code 2000 and the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. These amendments to the Zoning Ordinance will benefit home builders by ensuring that their construction results in a safe and secure dwelling.

2003 was a great year for local building trades in Newbury. 117 permits were issued. As in past years, the permits were for a host of projects:

- 46 houses/dwellings
- 21 additions or renovations
- 45 garages
- 29 porches
- 8 sheds
- 1 commercial property (Children's Center at Mt. Sunapee Resort)
- 1 dog kennel
- 6 sun rooms/mudroom
- 7 barns
- 1 work shop
- 34 decks

To date, I have found the residents and builders in Newbury a joy to work with. Everyone seems to agree that building and code regulations are beneficial to the property owner and the town as a whole. Have a prosperous and healthy 2004!

Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer

Office of Emergency Management

While there was no need to activate this office in 2003, the planning to address potential emergencies was ongoing. The NH Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continued their efforts to strengthen the systems and process of emergency response, and provided materials and seminars on many areas to keep local officials informed.

As always, the skilled members of our town's safety services and highway departments, together with any others that may be called upon, stand trained and ready to work together as an effective team should the need arise.

Jim Powell, Emergency Management Officer

Town Warrant

The State of New Hampshire - 2004

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the ninth (9) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing building code.
3. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the White Star Function Hall on Route 103 in South Newbury.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the construction of a new Town Highway Garage, Salt

Shed and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds [2/3] ballot vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the construction of an addition and modifications to the Town Office Building including related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$450,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds [2/3] ballot vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,373,677 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2003	2004
1. Executive	\$126,842	\$103,274
2. Elections	6,200	8,681
3. Financial Administration	87,561	123,818
4. Legal Expenses	18,000	33,010

5. Personnel Administration	206,921	285,055
6. Planning	25,300	43,650
7. Zoning	11,050	9,193
8. General Government Bldg.	33,402	33,193
9. Cemeteries	19,092	20,341
10. Insurance	35,230	45,705
11. Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	3,484	Mvd to Exec & Plg
12. Other General Govt.	2,000	2,320
13. Police Department	241,492	254,156
14. Fire Department	61,434	80,955
15. Forest Fire	600	620
16. Code Enforcement	25,800	25,240
17. Emergency Management	100	20
18. Highway Maintenance	374,951	447,491
19. Highway Reconstruction	237,125	192,450
20. Street Lighting	14,500	14,500
21. Transfer Station	184,330	212,070
22. Health Agencies	11,685	26,459
23. Welfare	14,010	15,385
24. Information Booth	4,090	6,486
25. Parks & Recreation	28,400	30,085
26. Library	58,288	60,088
27. Conservation Commission	625	600
28. Historical Society	250	250
29. Tax Anticipation Notes	500	2,600
30. Sewer Department	101,400	162,390
31. Bond/Note Principal	30,000	30,000
Bond/Note Interest	9,675	8,400
Bond/Note Issuance Costs	0	12,500
32. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
33. Safety Communication Svcs.	27,413	30,590
34. Capital Outlay Land	126,016	0
Capital Outlay Loaders P&L	134,837	18,627
Capital Outlay Improvements	25,000	32,460
35. Miscellaneous	0	15
TOTAL: \$2,288,603		\$2,373,677

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,600 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$45,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$60,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$12,600
AMBULANCE	\$3,000
REVALUATION	\$30,000

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS	\$3,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$500

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue vehicle and authorize the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Fire Equipment fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for a new police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Police Cruiser fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,600 for the purpose of constructing Phase One of the Fishersfield Recreation Park. \$100,000 will be provided by a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, \$50,000 will be provided by the general fund, \$23,000 will be provided by a transfer from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, and the balance of \$42,600 will be raised through private contributions, and donations of cash, services, and materials. If any of the funding sources fail to materialize, the scope of the project will be adjusted accordingly. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 to modernize the Town's filing systems and storage units. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,000 to upgrade and install a new telephone system for the Town Office and Safety Services buildings and to do related site work, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$16,000 from the Town Office Equipment fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for the

purpose of purchasing upgraded computer hardware and software for use in the Town's general operations, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for architectural/engineering studies to determine the feasibility of renovating the Old Town Hall in South Newbury. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
16. To see if the Town will vote to create a revocable, expendable trust fund known as the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining, expanding, and improving the cemeteries of the Town and acquisition of equipment necessary therefore; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in said fund. The Cemetery Trustees shall be the agents of said fund and may expend the interest and principal of the fund to carry out the purposes of the fund. The Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund shall be held in the custody and under the management of the Trustees of Trust Funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
17. To see if the Town will authorize the Newbury Fire, Police, and Highway departments to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district

within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability. The optional disability credit is \$2,000 rather than \$1,400. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional veterans' tax credit on the taxes due on residential property. The optional tax credit is \$500 rather than \$100. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of the old Grange building on Village Road in South Newbury from the local Grange. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jim Powell, Chairman

Richard Wright

Gary Budd

Budget For The Town of Newbury, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	\$126,842	\$131,736	\$103,274
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,200	3,706	8,681
Financial Administration	87,561	78,476	123,818
Legal Expenses	18,000	15,504	33,010
Personnel Administration	206,921	185,913	285,055
Planning	25,300	25,565	43,650
Zoning	11,050	9,512	9,193
General Government Buildings	33,402	23,392	33,193
Cemeteries	19,092	18,770	20,341
Insurance	35,230	41,557	45,705
Advertising & Regional Association	3,484	3,366	Mvd to Exec & Plg Lines
Other General Government	2,000	2723	2320

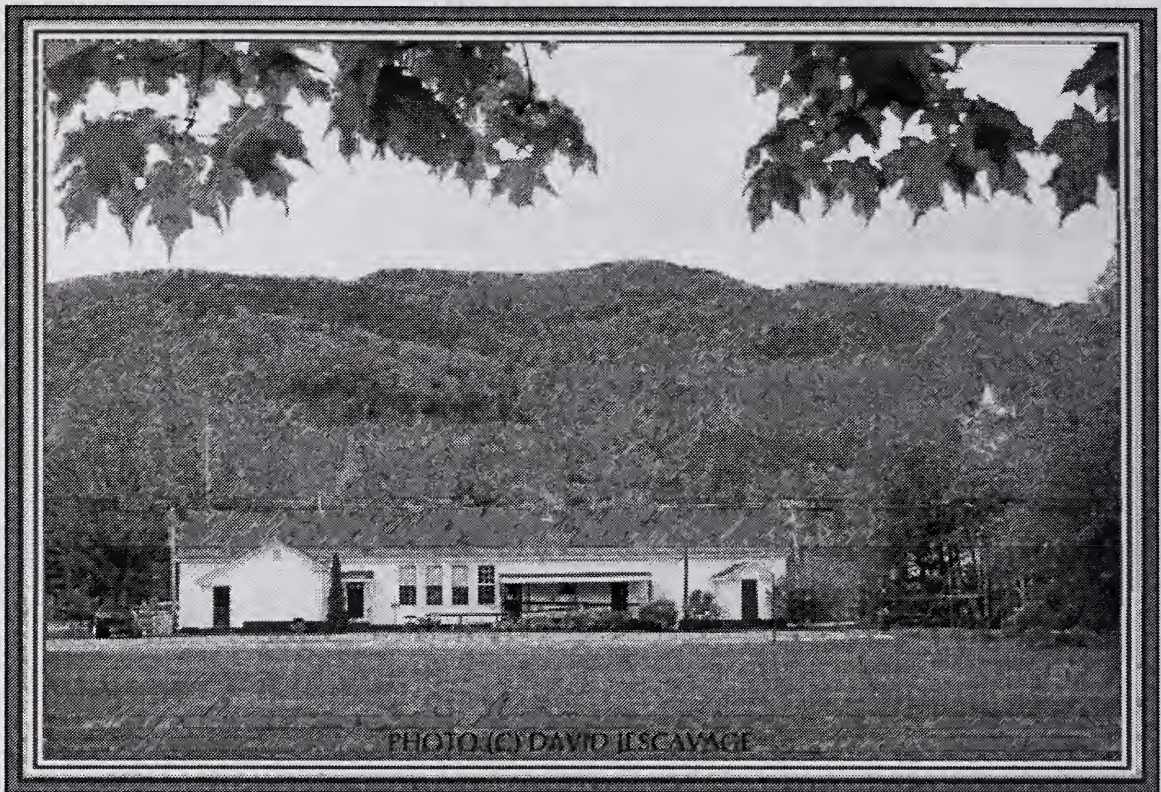
Public Safety			
Police Department	241,492	240,335	254,156
Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	0	1,000
Fire Department	62,034	54,403	81,575
Code Enforcement & Inspection	25,800	13,492	25,240
Emergency Management	100	0	20
Safety Communications Services	27,413	25,240	30,590
Highways & Streets			
Administration, Maintenance, Constr.	612,076	598,624	639,941
Street Lighting	14,500	12,494	14,500
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Collection	67,085	64,579	91,370
Solid Waste Disposal	108,045	118,103	116,500
Solid Waste Recycling	9,200	1,533	4,200
Health			
Health, Community, School Programs	11,685	11,685	26,459
Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	14,010	11,062	15,385
Culture & Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	28,400	27,669	30,085

Library	58,288	56,498	60,088
Other	4,340	6,140	6,736
Conservation Commission			
Administration & Operations	625	625	600
Debt Service			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,000	30,000	30,000
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	9,675	8,400	8,400
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	500	0	2,600
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	12,500
Capital Outlay			
Land	126,016	143,161	0
Improvements	25,000	16,802	253,060
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	134,837	115,837	220,627
Buildings	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out			
To Special Revenue Fund	101,400	95,116	162,390
To Capital Reserve Fund	128,500	128,500	150,600
To Expendable Trust Funds	17,500	17,500	31,500
Miscellaneous			
Varied Items	0	0	15
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,434,603	\$2,325,524	\$2,978,377

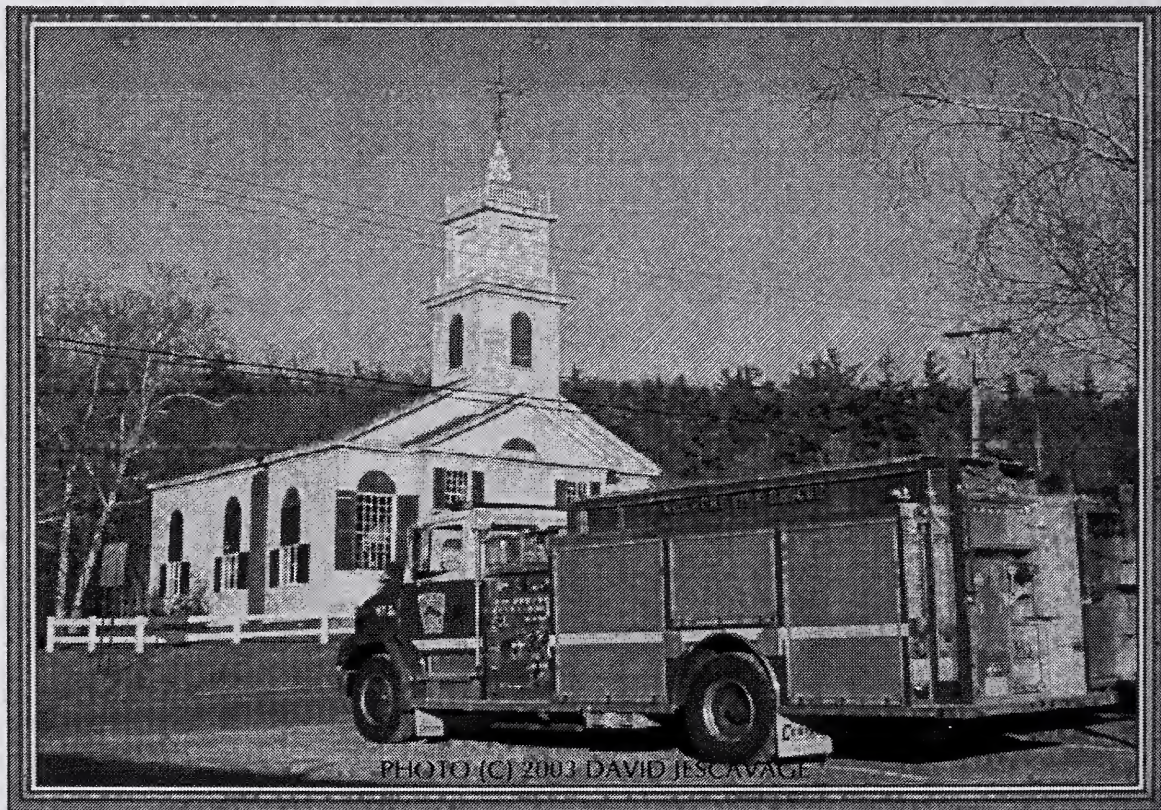
SOURCE OF REVENUE

Revenue Source	2003 Revenue Estimate	2003 Actual Revenue	2004 Revenue Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	30,000	53,850	40,000
Yield Taxes	16,000	9,552	8,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	14,500	13,510	13,510
Other Taxes	10,000	6,608	6,500
Interest&Penalties on Delinquent Tx.	40,000	42,620	40,000
Excavation Activity Tax	10,000	969	1,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Busines Licenses & Permits	1,500	810	1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	345,000	374,291	360,343
Building Permits	12,000	11,427	13,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,200	2,174	2,195
From State			
Shared Revenue	12,000	13,994	14,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	50,000	52,900	52,900
Highway Block Grant	86,804	86,804	86,804
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,500	1,352	1,352

Other	0	2,600	159,950
From Other Governments	0	11,214	10,000
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments		48,938	46,665
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	21,500	6,696	500
Interest on Investments	25,000	10,400	10,000
Other	2,500	5,530	5,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Special Revenue Funds	101,400	101,258	162,390
Capital Reserve Funds	97,210	193,201	189,000
Cemetery	3,200	0	0
Other Financing Sources			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Surplus	40,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	\$1,042,314	\$1,090,698	\$1,265,109
		YEAR 2003	YEAR 2004
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$2,325,524	\$2,978,377
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES		1,090,698	1,265,109
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE		\$1,234,826	\$1,713,268



Town Office Building & Mount Sunapee
NEWBURY SCENES



Fire Rescue Truck

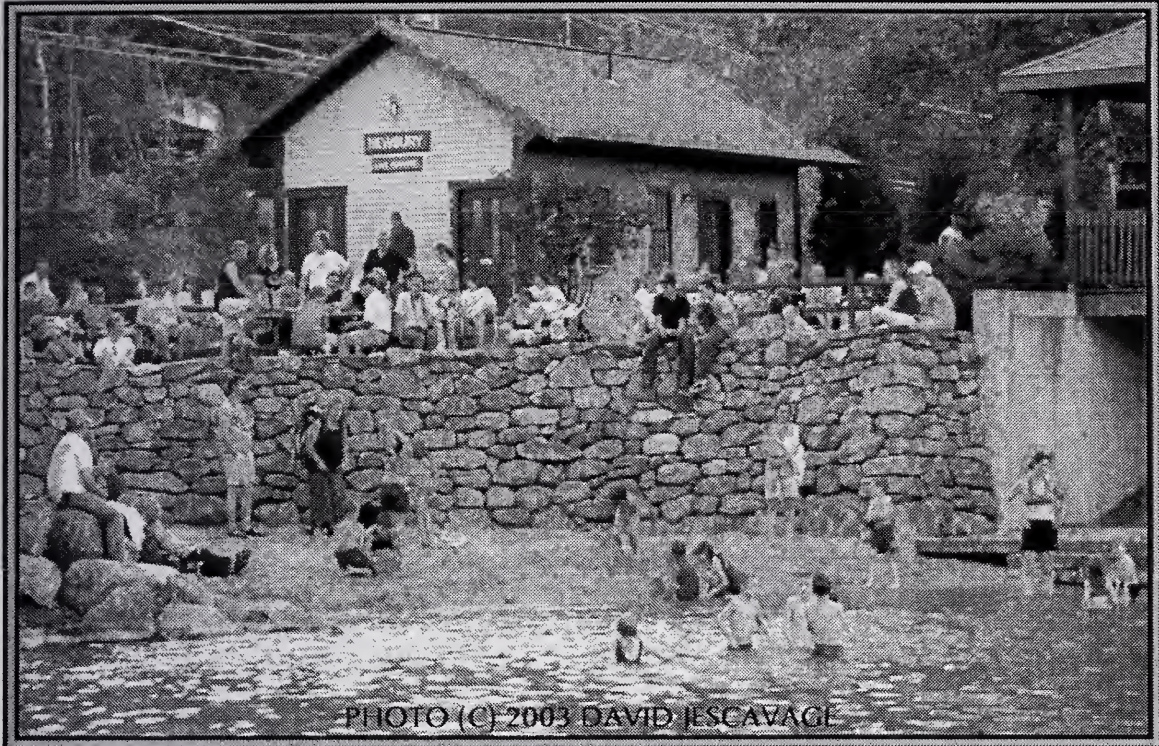


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Summer at the Harbor
NEWBURY SCENES



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Winter at Mount Sunapee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Grzelak & Company, P.C." in a cursive, professional style.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

April 24, 2003

Highway Department

Along with the usual highway duties of snow removal, grading and culvert replacement, 2003 saw the completion of rebuilding Morse Hill Road. This job included the installation of 1,700 square yards of fabric and 575 tons of ledge pac gravel on the east end of the road. This, along with the reconstruction of the ditches, should eliminate the previous problems of heaving and poor drainage on that section of the road.

Old Post Road was reclaimed from the east end to the Freeman property, which included removal of many trees, lowering of several banks and widening of the shoulders for increased visibility and more efficient snow removal.

Leveling and shimming courses were done on Newbury Heights, Lakeview, Bell Cove Extension, Bay Point Landing and West Province roads. 12,385 gallons of 35% calcium were applied to various gravel roads for dust control. Crack sealing is ongoing and is proving very helpful in keeping water from getting into the bases of roads.

In 2004, the Highway Department will resurface the section of Old Post Road that was reclaimed last fall, and we will be starting on the reconstruction of South Road. We will also start to rebuild the guardrails on the bridges on Mountain Road.

Looking ahead, our long-term goal is to provide the

services that will be needed to keep up with the growth of the town. Several potential subdivisions could add as many as 125-150 new homes in coming years, which would require more men and equipment to meet additional road requirements.

This year, the Highway Department is asking your support in approving a warrant article for the construction of a new highway garage, long needed to give us adequate space for the equipment and for a safe work environment for the crew.

As always, I would like to thank the Highway Department staff for their dedication and hard work and the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments and Town Office personnel for their assistance and especially the town residents for their continued support.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator

Blodgett Sewer Treatment Facility

During 2003, considerable work on upgrading the Blodgett Sewer system was completed. Two out of four beds were reclaimed which required digging them up and lining them with new materials to better capture the wastewater flow. The remaining two beds will be reclaimed in 2004.

The Imhoff tank was upgraded with the assistance of Tom White from DES. Work on the tank has proven effective and resulted in nitrate levels now measuring well below state requirements. The state has called for continued regular testing to be carried out in 2004.

The groundwater discharge permit issued by the state to the town in 2003 mandates additional water sampling and reporting requirements. Because of this, we hope to purchase test equipment in 2004 to avoid the cost of using an independent engineering company for extensive testing. The new equipment should pay for itself within a year and a half.

Additional work will also be done in 2004 on repairing manholes along the system. This will control infiltration and help the system to operate efficiently.

We hope that by using careful measures and strict monitoring the town will be able to keep the Blodgett sewer operating reliably in the coming years.

Tim Mulder, Chief Operator

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

One of the most important roles of the Board and staff of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association this year was to advocate for the people for whom we provide care. This advocacy took many forms. We communicated regularly with your Representatives and Senators in Washington, D. C. to let them know that the reductions in Medicare payments were adversely affecting access to care for the seniors in our communities. We let them know that the most frail elderly in our communities should not have to pay a co-payment for Medicare home health services when they already pay hospital and physician co-payments. We let them know that seniors should not have to choose between food or prescription drugs or health care.

At the state level, we let the Governor and the legislature know that chronically ill and disabled residents in New Hampshire should not be forced to be on a waiting list to receive home care. If we are to keep people at home rather than in an institution, home health care must be reimbursed adequately.

At Lake Sunapee Region VNA we examined our processes and staffing monthly to adapt to the current health care environment and still provide the quality of care and achieve the positive patient results you have come to expect of us. Six years ago average reimbursement for a Medicare patient was \$7900, today it is \$2400. Actions taken included reducing management staff and other

operating expenses, and finding best practices to achieve increased clinical efficiency. Support from individuals, businesses, United Way and town support was critical to our programs this year. We are grateful for that support.

Our state-of-the-art technology allowed us to dispatch our nursing resources when needed by our patients. Daily monitoring gave important assessment information to the professional staff, enabling us to reduce *unnecessary* trips for emergent care and hospitalization by 60 per cent, keeping patients and their families together at home where they want to be.

We continued to expand our pediatric program with our School Nurse Health Initiative. The goal of this program is to work with school nurses to keep children with chronic illnesses in school and learning, to educate the child and family about the illness and to link the family with community resources that will help that child and family cope.

Hospice developed a palliative care program this year for patients who are not yet ready or appropriate for Hospice care but who can benefit from the strong team approach and from the support services as they deal with a life-threatening illness.

We developed a package of services, *Assisted Living at Home*, that includes medication management, personal care support morning and evening, hair care, home massage and other services designed for the patient who does not need

skilled care, but who needs supportive care in order to remain independent at home.

Our commitment to community service projects and charity care on behalf of residents in your town included home visits, screening clinics, immunization clinics, health fairs, support groups, community newsletters and other activities designed to promote wellness and prevent disease. For details, our Community Benefits report is available in our office.

This year 332 residents of the town of Newbury utilized many of the services available through Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Our home care programs provided 740 visits and our hospice program, 132 visits to adults and children in Newbury. Our Long-Term Care program provided 2238 hours of care and 12 residents were monitored through our telemedicine program.

Again, thank you for your support. The strength of our community lies in working together.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

New London Hospital

To Our Patients, Neighbors and Friends:

New London Hospital (NLH) began its new fiscal year on October 1, 2003 with a stable outlook, looking at a very different future than it finished with in 2002. The fiscal year which ended on September 30 finished with a loss from operations of \$2.7 million, significantly less than prior year losses. Total losses from operations for the second six months of the fiscal year were \$589,000 as compared to the \$2.1 million losses in the first half of the year. This is a major turnaround for NLH and reflects a lot of hard work on the part of physicians and staff who committed themselves to implementing the financial improvement plan approved by the Board of Trustees in December of 2002.

Part of that plan included earning the designation as a Critical Access Hospital, which meant improved reimbursement from Medicare, and an innovative collaborative management agreement with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center that brought a new President and CEO to the hospital. Some additional positive signs that NLH is looking at a very different future include:

- We successfully recruited three new primary care physicians and a nurse practitioner. All of our primary care provider positions are filled and most are accepting new patients.

- The staff of the ambulance and emergency department worked together for weeks to analyze the efficiency and the expenses in emergency services and proposed new staffing models and schedules to reduce costs and maintain the same high level of patient care.
- We have presented to towns served by our ambulance a request for town support in order to offset the hospital operating loss of \$300,000 for this service, with a positive reception that we hope will be sustained as each town votes on its budget for this year.
- Improvements in reimbursement from Anthem and Cigna were achieved by restructuring our contracts.
- Four of the five goals of the Financial Improvement Plan are on track and the fifth initiative, reducing operating losses in our long-term extended care Clough Center, is making progress.
- Due to extraordinary community support, NLH exceeded its Annual Fund goal by 27%, a vote of confidence from individuals, corporations, businesses, civic organizations, matching gift companies, foundations and estates. Hospital Days brought thousands of residents and visitors to the New London Green over three days, and raised over \$40,000 to renovate the Medical-Surgical unit of the hospital.
- NLH continued to provide community services, education and subsidized health services to the

communities it serves. Our charity care alone for FY2003 in healthcare services for those who could not afford to pay was \$665,000.

As New London Hospital enters its 87th year, we are very aware of its importance as a health resource to the community and we are committed to sustaining this resource. We know that we have many challenges to face in 2004 and we will continue the work that has seen positive results to ensure that New London Hospital will continue to provide quality patient care for years to come.

*Bruce P. King
President and CEO*

*Timothy Wolfe, MD
Medical Staff President*

*G. William Helm, Jr.
Chairman of the Board*

**Community Action Program
Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc.
Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2003**

<u>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>PERSONS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
COMMODITY SUPPLE- MENTAL FOOD PROGRAM: A nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value \$25.00 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both WIC Program and CSFP, but a family may have members on both programs.)	12 Packages	1 Person	\$300.00
CONGREGATE MEALS:	330 Meals	45 Persons	\$2,303.40

All elders are welcome to our
congregate meal sites/Senior
Centers for nutritious hot meals,
social/recreational activities and
special events. Value \$6.98 per meal.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:

Provide up to five days of food for
people facing temporary food crisis.
Value \$5.00 per meal.

60 Meals
6 Persons
\$300.00

FUEL ASSISTANCE:

Available to income-eligible house-
holds to help with energy costs during
the prime heating season. Priority is
given to the elderly and disabled. The
average benefit for the 2002-03 program
was \$607.00.

28 Applications
55 Persons
\$17,040.00

TRANSPORTATION:

Provides regularly scheduled demand
response to and from towns in Belknap
and Merrimack counties to medical and

292 Rides
6 Persons
\$1,582.64

professional facilities, shopping centers and congregate meal sites. Value \$5.42.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS:

Provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.99 per meal.

1424 Meals

8 Persons

\$9,953.76

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

Provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$45.00 per unit.

29 Vouchers

2 Persons

\$1,305.00

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR:

Provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

0 Grant

N/A

\$0.00

Grand Total

\$32,784.80

Family Services

In 2003, the Town of Newbury was able to assist seven families. With help from two local churches – the South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Springs Church – the town was able to provide fifteen Thanksgiving and seventeen Christmas baskets for local families. Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, gift certificates were distributed to the parents of the children. It was very heartwarming to receive this anonymous donation, and it brightened Christmas day for twenty-eight local youngsters.

Special thanks go to the two local churches for their efforts in organizing and assembling the baskets. The town extends gratitude to all those involved.

This year, the town has benefitted from the Mt. Sunapee Resort's "Share and Care" day. On a specified day, each skier is asked to bring canned or dry goods to the mountain. The Resort then distributes the goods to the surrounding towns. The food delivered to Newbury was put to good use, aiding local families in need.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 763-4940.

Gail Bostic, Family Services Director

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 and for adults of any age who through disability may need assistance. COA's service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, COA charges no program or activity fees and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2003, COA had approximately 1,700 members.

When the year 2003 began, COA was in the early stages of a Building Fund Campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to buy the attractive 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 37 Pleasant Street in the center of New London. It is a pleasure to report that COA was able to purchase this building outright in October. After skilled and dedicated volunteers made the internal changes needed to provide the open spaces required for many of COA's programs, the building was opened as COA's regional headquarters and main activities center on December 1st. To date, donations to the Building Fund total just over \$800,000. Besides providing the funds to purchase the building, the great generosity of our donors has allowed COA to pay all campaign expenses and to establish an endowment for building maintenance.

With the extra 2000 sq. ft. our new quarters give us and the work of running a capital campaign behind us, COA will devote 2004 to improving existing programs and establishing new ones; in some cases, activities that required more space than we had in the old quarters will be moved to our spacious new building.

Our current programs continue to be well attended. The Computer Workshop in shiny new quarters continues to be very active. The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors (ORFS) continues winter and summer to give about 70 seniors the chance to enjoy outdoor activities and companionship. The weekly get-togethers for bridge, Scrabble, cribbage, chess and other games keep our building full Monday through Friday.

What many of us consider our most important service, providing free door-to-door transportation, continues to be well utilized. This service enriches the lives of many seniors who use it and is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. We thank our volunteer drivers who make this service possible.

Looking back ten years from now, I believe that the acquisition of our new quarters in 2003 will be remembered as a most significant event in securing COA's place in performing its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those whose generosity made our new building a reality.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to COA's annual appeal for operating funds. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities and thanks everyone for the generosity that allows COA to continue its work.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Zanes, Chairman*

Conservation Commission

The Commission continued in its role as advisor and advocate for the environment. In accordance with site plan review regulations, the Commission made site visits and reviewed the proposed child care center and parking lot at Mount Sunapee Resort. As required in the subdivision regulations, the Commission made a site visit and reviewed the proposed subdivision at Whitethorn off Bay Point Road. A meeting was held with the Chair of Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the development of Fishersfield Park. The Commission agreed to cooperate and assist in any way that it can.

During the year the Commission reviewed ten Intent-to-Cut notices and made visits to most sites to advise on potential environmental problems. The Commission also reviewed DES Wetlands applications for ten projects in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction including seven for dock repairs.

The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Office Building. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion or offer new suggestions. There are openings for alternate member for those who would like to be more involved in protecting the environment.

William Weiler, Chair

**Town of Newbury
Annual Town Meeting
March 11, 2003**

Moderator Marashio called the March 11, 2003 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 of the Town Warrant began.

The polls were declared closed at 7:07 p.m. after the last voter had completed the ballot.

Business Meeting - March 12, 2003

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time she explained the rules of order and voting procedures.

Selectman Powell read a resolution to honor Dave Kinsman's six years of service to the Town of Newbury by serving on the Board of Selectmen. A mantle clock was presented as a thank you gift.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 11, 2003 election:

Office of Selectman - 3 Years

Clyde J. Bacon - 203

Gary F. Budd - 245

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 Years

Linda Champy - 470

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 Years

James R. Therrien - 425

Library Trustee - 3 Years

Paula A. Falkowski - 441

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years

Albert W. Bachelder - 423

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years

Mary P. Bachelder - 424

Planning Board Member - 3 Years

J. Ronald Williams - 402

Planning Board Member - 3 Years

Charles L. Killam, III - 361

Planning Board Member - 1 Year

Albert W. Bachelder - 386

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years

Multiple Write-ins

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 1

Yes - 389 No - 77

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 2

Yes - 391 No - 78

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 3

Yes - 388 No - 68

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 4

Yes - 382 No - 73

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 5

Yes - 343 No - 122

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 6

Yes - 358 No - 91

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 7

Yes - 346 No - 111

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 8

Yes - 397 No - 59

Planning Board's Zoning Amendment No. 9

Yes - 394 No - 55

Building Regulations Amendment No. 1

Yes - 398 No - 65

Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury Results

School Board Member - 3 Years

Dean E. Bensley - 235

Thomas W. Vannatta - 198

Municipal Budget Committee - 3 Years

Daniel H. Wolf - 409

Moderator - 1 Year

Daniel S. Coolidge - 400

Article 1

Yes - 308 No - 175

Article 2

Yes - 287 No - 193

Article 3

Yes - 315 No - 163

Article 4

Adopted January 11, 2003. Not a money article.

Article 5

Yes - 396 No - 87

Article 6

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$370,000 for the construction of

the landfill closure, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$370,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.) (Not recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 3 as read. Discussion followed.

Jeff Murray from CMA Engineering presented a closure plan. He began by explaining CMA was contracted in December 2002 to complete a closure design for the land fill at the transfer station on Old Post Road. In 1970s the site was a solid waste disposal facility. In 1987, the town was notified that it was in violation of State regulations and an administrative order was issued to the Town of Newbury to complete a closure plan. There were hydro and soil tests done and continue to be monitored. To date, there are minor impacts to the environment. In 1998 a ground water permit was issued for monitoring water quality, and the State issued a letter to the Town of Newbury allowing it to use the lowest-cost capping requirements since the water testing results were good. Mr. Murray explained the plan that had a couple of different options for cost savings. Additionally, there could be a State grant of 20% coming back to the Town that may not be available later.

Selectman Wright explained that the Board of Selectmen

were unanimous in not favoring the closure. Based on the results of continual monitoring, there is no appreciable evidence that there is any ecological harm. The State is requiring the closure because we burn brush on site. There is no contamination of ground water. In addition, this would require relocating the waste to another place and could cause a worse situation by digging onsite and create more complications finding a place to put the excavated waste safely.

Selectman Powell further explained that the Board of Selectmen was trying to put an end to the pressure for capping from the State and thought the associated costs would be far less. There is pending legislation in Concord that will exempt small towns from capping if the test results of water and soil are within standards, which Newbury's are now. The reason this article is on the warrant is because each Selectman took an oath to uphold the laws of the State of NH. Therefore, we bring the issue to the hands of the townspeople for a vote.

A capping system will significantly reduce long-term risk. The existing plan presented complies with current regulations, therefore, the plan may have to change if not put into action in the near future. Any repair work could easily be done with existing town equipment and manpower. Burning would take place in a designated area within a bunker. The town has already changed its location for burning in an effort not to negatively affect abutters. The abutters' water quality is good and not affected by the existing conditions at the transfer station.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. for a period of 20 minutes to allow voters to check in with the ballot clerks and pick up voter cards and ballots for Article 3. The ballot box was declared to remain open until 9:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011,795 for general operations:

	2002	2003
1. Executive Office	\$114,744	\$119,842
2. Election & Registration	5,625	6,200
3. Financial Admin.	78,236	87,561
4. Legal Expense	15,000	18,000
5. Personnel Admin.	185,050	206,921
6. Planning	17,000	18,300
7. Zoning	3,250	4,050
8. General Govt. Buildings	25,650	28,402
9. Cemeteries	16,880	19,092
10. Insurance	32,500	35,230
11. Regional Associations	3,484	3,484
12. Town Reports	4,000	2,000
13. Police Department	252,738	241,492
14. Fire Department	58,440	59,434
15. Forest Fires	600	600
16. Building Inspection	3,974	5,800
17. Office of Emerg. Mgmt.	100	100

18. Highway Maintenance	332,466	374,951
19. Highway Reconst.	232,500	237,125
20. Street Lighting	14,500	14,500
21. Transfer Station	182,383	184,330
22. Health Agencies, CAP	8,983	9,185
23. Welfare	13,260	14,010
24. Information Booth	3,890	4,090
25. Parks & Recreation	25,673	28,400
26. Library	52,898	58,288
27. Conservation Com.	625	625
28. Historical Society	250	250
29. Interest - Tax Ant.	500	500
30. Sewer Abatement	79,140	101,400
31. Bond/Note Prin. & Int.	39,675	39,675
32. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
33. Safety Comm. Services	22,950	27,413
34. Capital Outlay	59,703	59,545
Total	\$1,887,667	\$2,011,795

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 4 as read.
Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained the differences between the 2002 and the 2003 figures.

Line 1 - office equipment and advertising costs increase.

Line 2 - increase in salaries for ballot clerks, supervisors of checklist, contract for maintenance on voting machine, two elections in next fiscal year.

Line 3 - increase in office salaries, addition of assessing

clerk position, increase in costs by the registry of deeds.

Line 4 - assessment challenges from Mt. Sunapee, Baker Hill Golf Course, Newbury Station Marina.

Line 5 - insurance premiums and retirement and disability payments increased by state and federal mandate.

Line 6 - postage for notifying abutters of hearings and a new clerk position. (These amounts are offset by fees paid by applicants.)

Line 7 - postage for notifying abutters of hearings and a new clerk position. (These amounts are offset by fees paid by applicants.)

Line 8 - anticipated maintenance costs & salaries.

Line 9 - plan in place for repair and maintenance of cemeteries.

Line 10 - increase in workers compensation and liability insurance rates.

Line 11 - no change in dues.

Line 12 - new printer for town reports.

Line 13 - back to normal from last year's increase due to special duty details for construction along Route 103.

Line 14 - salaries for actual work.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, made a motion to amend Article 4 to read as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,013,795 for general operations.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thomas explained that he would like to increase line

14 to reflect the figure of \$61,434, an increase of \$2,000. He explained that there is a team being formed for emergency response including 24 regional towns which would provide equipment and manpower not affordable to a small town to respond to emergencies such as chemical spills, oil, gas, and/or propane disasters. The spiller or its insurance company would be responsible for the costs incurred by the team.

VOTE on amendment to Article 4, Line 14 as proposed. Majority in favor. Motion passed.

Line 15 - no change.

Line 16 - increase in hours for building inspection. (These costs are offset by fees paid for building permits by the property owner.)

Line 17 - no change.

Line 18 - cost of sand, gravel, oiling & shimming, heavy equipment rentals have increased.

Line 19 - highway improvement plan includes additional roads.

Line 20 - no change.

Line 21 - volume and costs of hauling has increased, payback from recyclables have decreased.

Line 22 - ambulance stipend has increased.

Line 23 - best prediction by welfare director which includes mileage, increase in salary and cost of food.

Line 24 - hours and salaries increased.

Line 25 - salaries increased, maintenance at boat landing, repair of train station, beach sand, maintenance of docks, more funds for concerts at gazebo.

Line 26 - full-time librarian.

Line 27 - no increase.

Line 28 - no increase.

Line 29 - no increase.

Line 30 - unanticipated repairs need to be completed, increased requirements by state need full-time employee. (These costs are paid for by the 146 users of the Blodgett Landing Sewer)

Line 31 - no change - will look into principal vs. interest payments.

Line 32 - no change.

Line 33 - increase in fees charged by dispatch service in New London.

Line 34 - payments at Fishersfield, engineering fee at landfill, lease/purchase for highway loader going down.

Selectman Powell suggested that if anyone would like to see a detailed report of any of these figures, they are available anytime at the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours. With the volume of detail for each line item, it is not feasible to print a year's worth of activity in the town report.

**VOTE on Article 4 as amended: Majority in favor.
Article 4 passed as amended.**

ARTICLE 5: To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 5 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that the reports referred to in this warrant article are those printed in the Town Report.

Ron Williams, Planning Board Chair, made a verbal correction in the Planning Board report. David Thayer was inadvertently omitted on the list of Planning Board members.

VOTE on Article 5. Majority in favor. Article 5 passed as read.

Moderator Marashio announced the results of the ballot vote on Article 3. There were a total of 161 ballots cast, therefore, 107 votes in the affirmative are needed to meet 2/3 vote for passage.

Yes - 10

No - 151

VOTE on Article 3: 2/3 not in favor. Article 3 did not pass.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,500 to be placed in the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$20,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$60,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$15,000
AMBULANCE	\$3,000
RECREATION FACILITY	\$500

REVALUATION

\$30,000

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 6 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that these amounts are set aside by virtue of a Capital Improvement Plan that was enacted this past year to buy major ticket items at some later date. The budget items in Article 4 are ongoing. The amounts in Article 6 are in addition, specifically marked for the indicated purpose.

Mr. Wolf, a Trustee of the Trust Fund, explained that the Recreation Facility figure dropped because there is enough money in that fund at this time to complete the purchase of the Fishersfield land. It can be raised again if there is a need.

Mr. Seidel expressed the importance of this fund in order to enhance the Town for our children as illustrated in the 1997 Newbury Master Plan.

Selectman Powell explained that the figures proposed were lowered from those suggested by the C.I.P. Committee in an effort to keep the costs down.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 passed as read.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance

**expendable trust funds previously established.
(Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

DOCKS	\$4,500
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$7,500
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$5,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$500

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 7 as read.
Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained that these amounts are appropriated each year and have not changed.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

**ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the town's building, planning and zoning regulations and to serve at the direction of the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,800 to pay for salary, operating expenses, and mileage reimbursement for the position.
(Recommended by the Selectmen.)**

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 8 as read.
Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that as the town has grown, it has become increasingly necessary to increase the

inspecting and enforcement codes. Most of this money proposed in Article 8 would come back to the town in building fees charged to the developer and/or violators.

Barry Caravan commented that \$25,800 seems like a lot of money for a part-time job.

Barry Caravan made a motion to amend Article 8 to reduce the amount of \$25,800 to \$20,000.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright read the job description prepared for this position. The Board of Selectmen was not exactly sure how many hours per week this position will require since it is uncertain how much building will happen in the coming year and how many violators there will be. Income to the Town from the fees and fines will cover the majority of the salary. This person will have the authority to carry out duties delegated by the Board of Selectmen and issue fines. The Board of Selectmen, however, will have the ultimate decision on rulings. Some residents commented that \$20,000 is not enough money for a professional person who will also need to be well-versed in the Newbury, state and federal regulations and building codes. Others commented \$20,000 is a fair amount for a part-time job.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE on amending Article 8. Majority in favor.

Article 8 was amended.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to establish the position of Land Use Board Assistant to assist the town's land use boards with clerical work, record keeping, processing applications, posting and mailing notices, and other appropriate tasks and to serve at the direction of the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to pay for the salary and operating expenses for the position. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 9 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that the hourly salary for this person would be \$12.00 at 30 hours per week. This person would not be taking and transcribing minutes at the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings. The surge of development over recent years has created more filing and related paperwork that needs to be caught up on as well as kept current. The proposed hours and salary are based on discussion with existing staff.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as

read.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to pay for an architectural feasibility study to determine the space needs and possible expansion of the current Town Office building. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 10 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright commented that to continue with the discussion from Article 9, along with organizing files, we need a place for work space and a place to put the files. The building is running out of existing usable space and becoming more cramped as time passes. We need to study what kind of space is needed and how to get it in the existing building.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,210 for the purchase of a new Caterpillar 430K Loader/Backhoe with the amount to be funded with a \$19,000 credit for the trade-in value of the current 1993 loader/backhoe and the balance of \$97,210 to be funded from the Highway Capital

Reserve Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of \$97,210 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 11 as read. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the existing 1993 John Deere has 10 years and 5500 hours of work. There is a hydraulic problem that has been estimated by John Deere to cost \$10,000+ to fix .

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, as presented, for the 92-acre parcel of town-owned land abutting Old Post Road contingent upon approval of the State Wetlands Application by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 12 as read. Discussion followed.

Harry Seidel, Parks and Recreation director, explained that the Town of Newbury purchased the Fishersfield property in 1998. In 1999, a land use committee was organized to

study and review the potential uses for the land which became evident as recreational. Currently, there is an application to the N.H. Wetlands Board to approve uses for the recreational facilities. Part of that application addresses bridges over wet areas to accommodate hiking trails so there is no need to fill wetlands. There will be no rare species impacted in this plan. The Fishersfield Land Use Committee would like to get approval from the Town to dedicate the facility or a building or the fund-raising to the memory of Currie-Hill Velie, her son Joe and her unborn baby, who were brutally taken in a tragedy in early September 2002. The Velie family owns and operates a business which specializes in event planning and fund-raising. The purpose of the memorial fund would be to help raise funds and make the Fishersfield Master Plan a reality. The work would be done over a number of years as the money is raised and becomes available.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 to pay for the engineering and construction of an access road into the Fishersfield property and to authorize the withdrawal of \$39,500 from the Recreational Facility Capital Reserve Fund with said monies to be placed in a Fishersfield Park Discretionary Fund and to authorize

the Board of Selectmen to expend these moneys at their discretion. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 13 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell made a motion to table Article 13 indefinitely.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained this was inadvertently put on this year's warrant. In 1996 Warrant Article 9 already provided for this purpose. He read from the minutes of that meeting.

VOTE on motion to table: Majority in favor. Article 13 was tabled indefinitely.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,015.94 to pay off the balance due on the Fishersfield property abutting Old Post Road with \$16,316.82 to be paid out of line item #01-4901-250 of the 2003 budget and the balance of \$49,699.12 to be paid by the appropriation of this warrant article. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 14 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that when the land was

originally purchased, it was a lease/purchase through July 2008. If we pay off the balance now, there will be a savings of \$31,884 over that period of time.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 14 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of a three-acre parcel of land abutting South Road for use by the town's highway department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the property owner for the purchase of the land. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 15 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that the existing highway garage needs major repair and renovation to meet federal specifications. The location limits the highway department from being able to do certain activities, including expansion, on site because of the near proximity of Andrew Brook. Moving the highway department activity off the corner of Sutton Road and Route 103 may enable the town to convert the existing location into a more naturally scenic area. The proposed site would offer access from two directions, off South Road or off Village Road. There are

existing contractor/gravel operations on the site, which is behind the State Highway Department location and would provide 3 acres of town workspace as opposed to the 1/4 acre on the current site. There is room for negotiating future expansion if necessary, and the highway garage activity would be within the character of the neighborhood. There is a buffer of trees between the site(s) and the residential neighbors. If a new facility is created, it would be subject to state and federal regulations which include a solid cement building to accommodate the storage of salt in order to protect the aquifer beneath.

Barbara Freeman asked for a point of order, not to move the question(s) so quickly so we know what it is we are voting on.

VOTE: Manual count of voter cards was taken. Yes - 54 No - 29. Article 15 passed as read.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to designate Old Post Road as a scenic road as provided under RSA 231, sections 157 and 158. (By petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 16 as read. Discussion followed.

Barbara Freeman, petitioner of Article 16, explained that Old Post Road is one of the oldest roads in our town. The scenic road designation would help preserve stone walls, trees, and perhaps other natural, scenic characteristics along the road. This designation would NOT interfere in

the property owner rights or emergency repair. Any tree or stone wall removal would require a public hearing prior to work being done. Normal improvements in the road would not require a public hearing. Only those activities that required the removal of trees or walls would require a hearing. Any trees 15" in diameter 4' from the ground can be removed for maintenance and/or repair feasibility.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, indicated that there is work planned for the southerly end of Old Post Road to enhance visibility and safety.

Discussion continued and concerns were expressed for driver's safety over scenic value since it is such a busy road due to the transfer station location. However, care should be taken not to confuse maintenance of the road with changes in the road.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority not in favor. Article 16 did not pass.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Kearsarge Area Preschool, which would reinstate funding formerly provided to this program under the name of Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool. (By petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 17 as read. Discussion followed.

Heather Brady, petitioner, explained that the Kearsarge Area Preschool is located in Bradford at the Bradford Area Community Center. It is for ages 3 yrs. and 4 yrs., and it is run by the parents of the students. It is funded by tuition and fund raising. The program is growing and may require an afternoon class in order to accommodate the number of potential students. The funds asked for in this article will help keep the existing tuition from going up in price. If the tuition is raised, some families get left behind because of finances.

Question was moved. Majority in favor of moving the question.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 17 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Newbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years:	\$30,000
for a person 75 years of age up to 85 years:	\$45,000
for a person 85 years of age or older:	\$60,000

To qualify, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a

net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$22,900, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 18 as read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that this article is similar to what is in place now, just raising the minimum standard. These numbers would show as a reduction in the assessed values of those who qualify.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 18 was adopted as read.

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to adopt an exemption for the disabled from the property tax in the Town of Newbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: \$30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$22,900, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 19 as

read. Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained this is the same as it was in the past except that the minimum would be raised. The disability is determined by a federal government agency. Currently, there is only one person in town who qualifies for this exemption.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 19 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote in favor of the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, IV for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a service-connected total disability? The optional disability tax credit is \$1,400 rather than \$700. (By petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 20 as read. Discussion followed.

Paul Hague explained that this exemption would be granted to veterans who are determined by the federal government agency to be totally disabled due to service-connected injury. The impact of this article would be \$.01/\$1000.00.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 20 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote in favor of

the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI for an optional veterans' tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The optional tax credit is \$100 rather than \$50. (By petition.)

Motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 21 as read. Discussion followed.

Paul Hague explained that this article raises the current \$50 off a veteran's tax bill to \$100. Based on the current number of veterans receiving the \$50, this article would cost \$.02/\$1000.00.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 21 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Paul Hague requested that the Board of Selectmen automatically put updates on veteran benefits on the Town Warrant when they are passed by the state legislature. These last articles were passed in the legislature in 1991 and were never brought to the Town for a local vote and enactment.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Linda Champy, Town Clerk

Summer Town Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2003

PRESENT:

Selectmen: James Powell, Gary Budd

Town Personnel/Boards: David Jescavage, Shelly Candidus, Chief Valiquet, Chief Thomas, Betsy Soper, Alan Brown, Barbara Freeman, Tim Mulder, Cal Prussman, Ed Candidus, Harry Seidel, Dean Bensley

Citizens: Joyce Barron, John & Barbara Gibson, Bob & Mary Woodman, Fred LaFontaine, Janet Ward, Janet Fenwick, Al Bachelder, Jack Patsos, *et.al.*

MEETING CONVENED: 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share in information about current and ongoing issues in the town. Town representatives were introduced.

Alan Brown reported that July was the library's busiest month on record, with 1,723 patrons visiting the facility. He noted that this is 1,000 more patrons than were recorded in January of this year, reflecting significant use of the library by summer residents. The budget for 2003 showed an increase of 10 percent primarily to cover personnel increases and benefits. Summer programs include a discussion of Donald Hall's work next Monday evening, a presentation of "Technology of Lithography" with local artist John Brennan on Tuesday, weekly summer reading and crafts for school children on Tuesdays, and the

on-going Wednesday pre-school story hour. Recent additions to the library collection include the Ruth White collection of travel books and children's classics obtained via a grant. The library is open 32 hours per week, and Alan invited all to visit.

Harry Seidel updated attendees on the fundraising project at Fishersfield. A master plan for this 92-acre parcel was approved at the March 2002 Town Meeting. Since then the Velie family, with roots in Newbury, experienced a tragedy with the murder of Joe Velie's wife, child, and unborn son. The family has established the Velie Memorial Recreation Project in their memory. A park and nature study center would be established at the Fishersfield site. Seidel showed proposed plans. He said an environmental study was under way and the extent of the project would depend on funds raised by the Velie Memorial Project committee. The educational value of the nature center was stressed.

A question from the floor addressed the cost to run this project. Janet Ward, committee member, said the final cost was not yet determined, but it would be at no cost to taxpayers. Seidel added that the priority was to create a road, establish recreation fields, and then build the center. He hoped to establish a partnership with the town for some work, and to work out special arrangements with local contractors. Freeman asked if a non-profit organization had been set up for donations, and Seidel said yes, and a web site was available for further information.

Chief Valiquet reported that the Police Department handled 1,500 more calls than last year. Increased pay rates for officers has added to stability in the department. Emergency equipment and training has been geared to responses to terrorist-related threats. In the area of technology, the computer programs are working well. Digital technology is planned for next year, as is enhanced 911 service. The department now can use DNA to verify IDs. In response to a question from the floor, the Chief said there are now 3 full-time and 4 part-time officers on duty. A Blodgett resident remarked that there is not enough police presence at the Blodgett Landing dock. The Chief said manpower resources are short and officers must cover the harbor area where out-of-town young people hang out. His goal is to have adequate presence at the town beach, Blodgetts, and the state beach.

Peter Fichter asked about the concentration of calls. The Chief said incoming calls were pretty evenly spread out throughout the year but response rates go up in summer. There is more activity around the lake, and on Great Island. They do not have resources to cover Great Island on a regular basis and the number of calls for assistance from the Island is very small. In response to further questions, the Chief said in cases of calls for help on the Island, officers must rely on property descriptions to locate callers. Valiquet suggested Island residents might form an association for mutual aid, although he cautioned that there might be legal liability in having unauthorized persons use their boats for transport in emergency situations.

Dean Bensley, chairman of the Kearsarge Regional School Board, made his report. He explained that the school district covers 7 towns and supports 4 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The student body is diverse, and the school must fill the needs of those bound for college and those not continuing formal education after high school. Academic performance is measured by using state testing programs that are expensive and extensive. KRSD students scored better than the top third.

Bensley said the biggest challenge for the school system was the expansion of communities being served resulting in crowded conditions, especially in the middle and high schools. Land for a new middle school has been purchased at a central location in Sutton and the hope is to have the building up in the next couple of years. The high school needs a second floor to alleviate crowding. The cost to Newbury taxpayers for these buildings would be about \$75,000 the first year, and then up to \$200,000 per year after bonding. In response to a question about how the state pays for schools, Bensley said this is a mix of local property taxes and state property taxes. Also, Newbury and New London pay more, being donor towns. A new law will lower the state property tax from \$5.80 per thousand to \$4.92 per thousand, effective July 1, 2003. This will drop to \$3.24 per thousand in 2004 and will offset the cost of the bond issues for new construction.

Joyce Barron asked if Newbury is still a donor town. Bensley said yes, but the new state requirements will decrease the payment requirements over the coming years,

varying by community. Reductions will benefit donor towns. Towns in the middle will still be burdened, and needy towns will still get aid.

A Blodgett resident asked if impact fees had been considered. Bensley said this is a relatively new concept requiring a long-term capital plan. Barbara Freeman added that the Planning Board has been looking at impact fees and how they might be implemented for new developments.

Another question addressed the school budget cost per student. Bensley said this is \$7,233 without transportation and costs of bonding.

Another attendee asked about plans for the old middle school when the new one is built. Bensley said this is a valuable property and it might be sold privately or to the town of New London for use as a community center, vocational school, or special education facility. Options are being studied.

Barron asked about the shortfall in the school budget due to overspending. She asked why there had been no repercussions. Bensley explained that proper cost controls were not exercised and policies and procedures were not adequate to prevent the shortfall. These problems have been and continue to be fixed. Voters have shown their confidence in the system.

Barron further remarked that the high school is a great resource for getting young people to help with personal and neighborhood projects. Powell agreed that the town has capable and talented kids.

Highway Administrator Cal Prussman gave a recap of road projects planned and under way. Morse Hill is being totally rebuilt and leveling and shimming will take place on Newbury Heights Road. The department is in the process of purchasing land for a new garage.

A question from the floor addressed speeding on Gerald Drive and grading of unpaved roads. Prussman said grading over the last 30 years has resulted in widening some roads but this is because increased traffic demands more than the previously established 16' width. On Gerald Drive, he plans to maintain the 16' width and allow vegetation to grow back over the next two years. Meantime, however, work on ditches will result in loss of vegetation. Speed bumps will not be installed to control speeding, since they present a liability to the town. Another question addressed the issue of controlling speeding. Prussman said this could be addressed locally by speaking to offending neighbors. It was suggested that a stop sign be erected at the corner of the tennis courts and Gerald Drive. Prussman will refer this suggestion to the Highway Safety Committee, along with a suggestion to lower the 35 mph speed limit.

Another Chalk Pond resident noted that their association had posted 15 mph speed signs but were told these were

not legal. Could other signs, such as “Caution - Go Slow,” or “Children” be posted? Chief Valiquet said the state sets road speed limits, and other, privately posted limits are not legally enforceable. “Reasonable and prudent” guidelines should be followed. In order to change the posted speed limit, a traffic study must be completed and submitted with a proposal for a new speed limit to the town.

Bensley remarked that the Highway and Police Departments are doing a great job. This comment was applauded.

An attendee asked if residents can plant vegetation along roadsides. Prussman said by all means; the land is privately owned. He cautioned that the town does have a right-of-way for road maintenance, snow removal, etc.

Another question addressed varying road widths in town. The Chief said the way they evolved over time, no two roads match. The issue of paper roads was brought up. It was noted that the town owns some of these roads and some unused or discontinued roads revert to abutting property owners.

Blodgett residents thanked Prussman for a job well done on their roads.

Fire Chief Hank Thomas reported that the Fire Department had not made any big purchases in the last couple of years. They plan to upgrade the tanker and rescue vehicle in the next two years. They get about 100 calls per year, about

half for fire/rescue and half for personal emergencies. He also does furnace inspections, assigns street numbers for new houses, and inspects foster care facilities.

Thomas was asked if the Department inspected fire extinguishers. He said yes, big ones can be re-filled. Small ones should be discarded after use.

Thomas was asked if the department had defibrillators. He said yes, two of them, and firefighting personnel were trained to use them. Chief Valiquet said they were also in police cruisers, along with oxygen. An attendee asked if this equipment was available for emergency calls to Great Island. Thomas said yes, they would be put on the Fire Boat with other necessary equipment. Janet Fenwick asked if the Fire Boat served all of Newbury. Thomas said it was used for calls to Great island and all along the shore of Lake Sunapee.

Barbara Freeman reported that the Planning Board was busy with day-to-day issues as well as long-term proactive plans. Growth is the biggest issue. The Master Plan defines goals for the town and is due to be updated. The Planning Board may initiate a survey of property owners before updating the Master Plan. The town now has a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which provides for yearly reviews to help with long-term planning.

Freeman was asked if the current Master Plan addresses the current needs of the town. She said no, and that is why a survey will be useful before updating it. Financing for this

will be required. She was asked how summer residents and out-of-town property owners can find out about meetings. Freeman explained they are noticed by ads in local papers and information is available on the town web site.

Freeman was thanked for all the work the Board did to provide Blodgett residents with an overlay to the zoning regulations.

Janet Fenwick remarked that ridge-line cutting was getting worse each year. Freeman said new skyline regulations should curb this. Betsy Soper noted that a new Code Enforcement Officer was being hired to work with the Board of Selectmen to enforce zoning regulations. She asked when he would start work. Jescavage said next week.

Joyce Barron asked about the status of the Southview and Summer Street developments. Freeman said Southview had been approved with the requirement that the developer hire an engineering consultant to oversee all phases of the work, which is bonded. Development at Summer Street is still in the planning stages and has not come before the Planning Board yet. Barron said extensive tree cutting had taken place, and Freeman said she would investigate.

Freeman was asked when erosion control measures are required. Soper said they should be put in place for any earth disturbance within 300' of any permanent body of water. Powell added that they might also apply if there is excavation beyond 300' from the water, depending on circumstances. An attendee asked about septic approvals and erosion control measures for a specific property on

Chalk Pond. Powell said septic approvals are granted by the state. In this instance, the property has been inspected and all systems are in order.

Betsy Soper reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is working well with the Planning Board. The ZBA is happy to have the revised zoning regulations for Blodgett Landing properties in place.

Concerns were raised about the decision of Fish & Game to use the Wild Goose site for boat access to Lake Sunapee. It was asked what, if anything, could be done to prevent this. Soper said it was being presented as a done deal. Powell added that the project is funded by a mix of state and federal money, and the town does not have the power to stop it. When asked if development there would impact the town budget, Powell said it definitely would. He believes there is still room for input, and urged attendees in opposition to the plan to write the governor, the commissioner of Fish & Game, and local reps.

Powell discussed several current issues facing the town. He said of the eight bridges in town, one has been red-listed by the state and needs repair. Others need attention soon. Bridge repairs are expensive, and he is gathering information for consideration at the next Town Meeting.

The Blodgett Landing sewer system is operating at full capacity and the state has said no additional conversions from summer use to year-round use will be permitted. Additional testing is also required.

Activity at the Transfer Station reflects increased growth in the town and a second compactor has had to be installed to handle weekend disposals. As volume rises, so do costs. A committee has been formed to look at issues such as recycling, controlling access, traffic, etc.

An architectural study of the space in the Town Office building is due this fall for presentation at Town Meeting in 2004. More space is needed, again reflecting growth in town.

The town revaluation process is just about complete. Letters to property owners with new assessments should go out by September 12th, and will list options to contact Vision Appraisal in person, by phone, or on-line with questions. Thomas asked if the new tax rate would be set at that time. Powell said no, this is set by the state after the process is complete. It was noted that while assessed values will go up on waterfront and view properties, the overall tax rate will go down. Bensley mentioned that the new tax rate will also be affected by values in other school district towns. Powell said he expected the new tax rate to be set by October 1st and tax bills will go out by the first week in November, with 30 days to pay. He was asked how the tax year is calculated, and said it followed the calendar year. The tax bill for the first half is an estimate, and the second bill is based on actual value.

Bob Woodman asked if the Transfer Station could be made self-supporting by requiring payment for trash disposal. Powell said charges have been instituted for handling demolition materials, white goods, and tires, but not

household trash. He said many people feel this is a tax-supported, shared-cost service.

A question was raised about expanding the town dock to accommodate more boats. Powell said there were no plans to expand it, but damaged parts that were removed are being replaced.

An attendee remarked that the public library provided wonderful services.

A Blodgett resident asked if the sewer tax was going up again. Powell said yes, to cover the costs of bed repairs and expanded testing. These costs are borne by the users of the 146 connections.

Mr. Fisher asked why the town was not recycling cans or bottles. He noted the receptacles are there, but these items are being put in the compactor. Powell said tin and aluminum were problems, since they must be separated and tin cannot be recycled. Glass has to be crushed for reuse. A machine to crush glass to ideal reusable consistency can cost up to \$25,000 - \$30,000. The selectmen are still exploring solutions.

Mr. Fisher asked the town to encourage non-residents to help with projects such as recycling, the Master Plan, etc. But they need to be kept informed about the issues. Powell said the town web page will be used for notices, information about ongoing projects, meeting minutes and

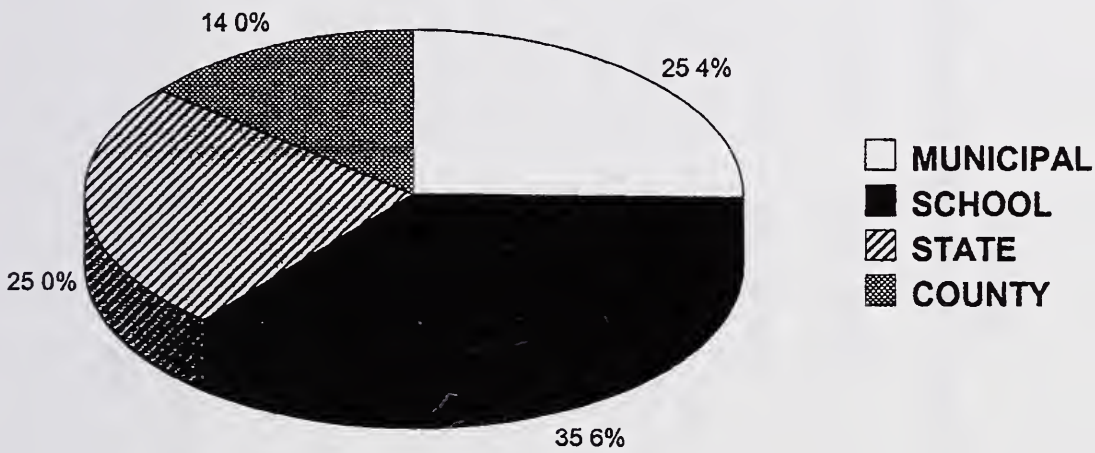
agendas, etc. Joyce Barron suggested placing a mailbox outside the Town Office for communication.

Powell thanked all volunteers for their work and attendees for their interest and input.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Candidus, Administrative Assistant*

YOUR TAX DOLLARS



COUNTY	1.80
LOCAL SCHOOL	4.59
STATE SCHOOL	3.22
TOWN	3.27
TOTAL	12.88

Births **Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2003**

Date	Child's Name	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
05/01/03	Connor James Kendrigan	Concord, NH	Peter Kendrigan	Seana Kendrigan
05/28/03	Kalleesta Ann Selby	Plymouth, NH	Theodore Selby	Jessica Selby
06/20/03	Ryan Christopher Bassi	Concord, NH	Jason Bassi	Noelle Bassi
07/12/03	Cody Douglas Armitage	Lebanon, NH	Sean Armitage	Gidget Armitage
07/28/03	William George Janusas Delieto	Lebanon, NH	Richard Delieto	Debra Janusas-Delieto
07/31/03	Kaitlyn Kathleen Levasseur	Lebanon, NH	Robert Levasseur	Autumn Levasseur
08/07/03	Zander Dean Humphrey	Lebanon, NH	Mark Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey
08/22/03	Abby Elizabeth Nadeau	Concord, NH	Alan Nadeau	Susan Nadeau
09/27/03	Garren David Huy Pho	Lebanon, NH	David Pho	Linda Pho
10/06/03	Owen McKinley Medlock	Concord, NH	Zachary Medlock	Heather Medlock
10/22/03	Robert Warren Kenyon	Lebanon, NH	Robert Kenyon	Bonnie Kenyon
12/13/03	Madeline May Terrell	Concord, NH	Nathan Terrell	Alicen Terrell

Marriages

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Place of Marriage
04/26/03	Joseph W. Whelehan	Newbury, NH	Emily E. Hemingway	Newbury, NH	Newbury
05/31/03	Daniel P. Chick	Newbury, NH	Julie A. Santoro	Newbury, NH	Derry
06/28/03	Sean D. Burch	Newbury, NH	Stephanie L. Hanson	Warner, NH	Warner
08/09/03	Martin A. Newell	Newbury, NH	Linda J. Woodbury	Newbury, NH	Sutton
08/23/03	Perley J. Champney	Newbury, NH	Elizabeth A. Farrell	Newbury, NH	Springfield
09/20/03	Geoffrey A. Bechtold	Newbury, NH	Jennifer L. Kaler	Newbury, NH	New London
09/26/03	Kenneth L. Chaffee	Newbury, NH	Dorothy J. Morin	Newbury, NH	Newbury
11/29/03	Christopher W. Frisbie	Newbury, NH	Julie K. Archibald	Sunapee, NH	New London

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
02/16/03	Hiram B. Ely	Concord, NH	Hiram Ely	Zelie Porter
05/17/03	George W. Birse	New London, NH	Alexander Birse	Anne Ross
07/15/03	Melissa A. Allen	North Sutton, NH	Martin Newell	Sandra Rowe
07/17/03	Mary E. Sampson	New London, NH	Chester Smith	Beatrice Barton
07/23/03	Raymond A. Hamilton	Concord, NH	William Hamilton	Ruth Flint
08/07/03	Muriel L. Guild	Concord, NH	Everett Davis	Florence Holmes
10/13/03	Mildred C. White	Newbury, NH	Harvey Chase	Elizabeth Stewart
10/22/03	Freda L. Bunker	New London, NH	Moody Gillingham	Nellie Blodgett
12/05/03	Carl D. Ahlstrom	Newbury, NH	Carl Ahlstrom	Dorothy Danielson
12/10/03	Catherine G. Rooney	New London, NH	Anthony Celli	Grace Ciccolo
12/13/03	Evelyn Macoul	Concord, NH	Kameel Habib	Victoria Sabbagh

Newbury Service Directory

Emergency Phone Numbers ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*).....763-4403
POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*).....763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH763-2221

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office.....763-4940
FAX.....763-5298

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.- Noon
Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating
schedule of Monday nights at 6:30.

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

www.newburynh.org

E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office.....763-5326

Monday - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed from 12:00 -1:00 p.m.)

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith.....938-5925

Town Highway Department.....938-5494

Library.....763-5803

Monday 12:00 noon- 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon - 5 p.m.

Friday closed

Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 noon - 5 p.m.

Transfer Station.....763-2289

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday
of each month at the Town Office.*



Highway Administrator, Cal Prussman, directs the repair of flash flood damaged South Road.

SUMMER FLOOD DAMAGE



Winding Brook Road was heavily eroded by the flooding on August 12, 2003. All damaged roads were repaired within 24 hours by the road crew.



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Forest Brook Bog *NEWBURY NATURALLY*



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Mount Sunapee Panorama



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The Fire Boat